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## Boost for campaign to rescue theatre

CAMPAIGNERS say their bid to save Dudley Hippodrome from demolition has been 'galvanised' since plans to use the site for a visitor centre were dropped.

Proposals to build the multi-million pound 'Dudley Bug' Trilobite Centre on the site of the old 1930s Dudley Hippodrome in Castle Hill, Dudley, were scrapped this week. Instead, under new proposals, the centre will be built in the zoo grounds.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group have welcomed the news, saying it shows there is no need to bulldoze the historic theatre on Castle Hill.

Friends chairman Gordon Downing said: "It will galvanise us and make others think who maybe thought it is a dead duck that instead there can be a future for the Hippodrome."

"People are already coming up with more ideas about how we can use parts of the Hippodrome for different events. We just needed them to look at the options."

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome plan to hold a meeting on August 7 at 7.30pm at the Ex-Service-men's Club, in Hall Street, Dudley, for people to hear the latest on the campaign to save the theatre.

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## Service marks war centenary

RESIDENTS can remember those who gave their lives in the First World War at a church service marking 100 years since the conflict began.

It will be held at Top Church, in Dudley, on tomorrow, Friday, at 6pm and all are welcome to attend.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston will be among the civic dignitaries and Reverend Andrew Wickens will lead the service which will allow people to reflect on the huge sacrifice people made.

# CALL FOR A DEAL ON MOSQUE DOME

**A COUNCILLOR has pledged to work with Muslim leaders to reach a compromise after extension plans for a mosque were refused.**

Plans to build two 29ft decorative minarets and a domed roof on the Baitul Ghafoor Mosque on Long Lane, Halesowen, were thrown out.

More than 200 residents petitioned against the additions to the former Methodist church building.

Now Halesowen North Councillor Stuart Henley, who backed the petition, wants to work with mosque leaders on a solution.

Mr Henley has suggested that the applicants apply for permission to build the domed roof only.

### Respect

He believes it is the towering minarets proposal that residents have reacted angrily against.

Mr Henley said: "Now the appeal has been refused it would be good to all come together and compromise on just the dome, which will still see the once Methodist church have an Islamic symbol and hopefully keep everyone happy."

"All can then move on in peace, loyalty and respect."

"I will be arranging another meeting in the near future to see if we can come to a compromise."

Mr Henley rejected comments made by Dr Muhammad Ashraf, of The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, claiming the plans were rejected because of hatred towards Islam and misunderstanding of the religion, more than the impact on the landscape.

Dr Ashraf said: "The local people don't know the facts. Islam is a peaceful religion."

"All we are asking for is a

By Katy-Rose Meaney

symbol for the community, like a church spire."

Mr Henley said: "New church builds are rarely built with spires as these are no longer needed to call people to prayer. The mosques need to follow suit."

The Ahmadiyya Mosque was opened at the former church two years ago and in May applied for planning permission to add a central dome and minarets.

Halesowen North Councillor Karen Shakespeare said: "It doesn't affect their worship and I hope they won't appeal because they are keen to work as part of the community."

"I hope they understand now that it is not something the community feel is right for the area."

Mohammad Khan, National Vice President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, said the suggestion by Councillor Henley is one that they were considering.

Mr Khan said: "We are in the process of reviewing the application and would be happy to sit down with our neighbours and discuss a compromise that everyone would be happy with."

"We are sensitive to the concerns of the community and are happy to listen to everyone's views."

## Medal magic for cyclists at Games



Golden girls — Halesowen cyclist Helen Scott, right, with Cheshire's Sophie Thornhill celebrate gold at Glasgow

HALESOWEN cyclists Helen Scott and Jess Varnish both took to the podium for the second time at Glasgow 2014.

Friends Scott and Varnish both launched their careers at Halesowen Cycling Club.

Scott partnered para-cyclist Sophie Thornhill to gold in the 1km time trial tandem after the pair won the sprint tandem.

Scott, pilot for visually-impaired Thornhill of Cheshire, revealed the prospect of another gold medal had kept them going through agony. "It's the most painful event but me and Sophie have been working so hard," said the 24-year-old. "It only hurts when there are two laps to go and they go very slowly and that's when it's horrible."

Varnish insisted she will not rest on her laurels after bronze in the individual sprint, following third place in the 500m time trial. Edged out of gold by Australia's Anna Meares on Saturday, Varnish returned on Sunday to beat Malaysia's Fatehah Mustapa.

"I am very happy with winning bronze but the Australian girls have both finished ahead of me in both competitions, so I'm determined to get up to their level," she said.

There was double gold success for Oldbury triathlete Jodie Stimpson and gold for the Team England gymnasts including Halesowen Earls Club's Kristian Thomas.

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Bronze for Jess Varnish

## Junction proposal sees 1,100 have say

MORE THAN 1,100 people responded to a public consultation on multi-million congestion-busting revamp plans at one of the Black Country's busiest junctions.

Transport bosses at Sandwell Council called on the public's help to choose one of four options they have come up with for the Birchley Island in Oldbury.

The ideas include widening the M5 link, creating a two-way 'hamburger island' — an island that has a road through it — junction similar to Burnt Tree. The aim is to reduce queues of traffic and improve safety for all users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

Sandwell Council revealed how many people had responded to the consultation.

Nick Bubalo, area director regeneration and economy at Sandwell Council said: "It is a little too early to answer detailed questions about the results of the consultation because we have to look at the overall results before coming to conclusions."

"In all 700 people filled in the online version of the questionnaire and we believe that the posted forms we received will take up to overall replies up to about 800."

Once a decision has been made, a case will be made for funding.

## Arrests after zoo break in

THREE people have been arrested after breaking into Dudley Zoo.

The police helicopter spotted the group running through the zoo grounds in the early hours of Friday after a 999 call was received from a witness who saw them climbing over a wall at around 12.50. Twenty minutes later a 24-year-old man from Walsall, a 26-year-old man from Tipton and a 22-year-old woman from Gornal were arrested. No animals were hurt.

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# Zoo revise plan for 'Dudley Bug' centre

PLANS to build a multi-million visitor centre on the site of a landmark Dudley theatre have been scrapped by officials following a rethink.

The 'Dudley Bug' Trilobite centre had been earmarked for the site of the Dudley Hippodrome at Castle Hill, Dudley.

But bosses at Dudley Zoo have revealed those proposals had been shelved after they consulted schools

and other groups. Uncertainty over the future availability of the Dudley Hippodrome site also contributed to the change of heart.

Instead the Trilobite centre is to be built in the zoo grounds, close to the bear enclosure which is currently being revamped (see page 5).

It gives the Hippodrome a stay of execution after Dudley Council bosses agreed to take demolition

plans off the table while other options are explored.

Zoo spokeswoman Jill Hitchman said the new site would allow children to remain safely on site at the zoo.

"We were led to believe the Hippodrome site would become available at a time suitable to the zoo's ongoing development plans and obviously seized the opportunity

to provide a home for our much-needed education and conference centre," she said.

"However, the opening of Dudley Zoo's new entrance and car park has shifted the physical focus of the site and since our Easter launch we have invested in extensive surveys of schools and independent groups and their views are constant – they want to remain on site."

# GOLDBURY celebrates Jodie medal double

**GOLDEN girl Jodie Stimpson will be given a civic reception in honour of her Commonwealth Games success.**

Her home town of Oldbury was renamed GOLDBury for the day thanks to a campaign after the 25-year-old triathlete took the first gold of the Commonwealth Games. She went on to add the mixed relay gold to her individual triathlon triumph at Glasgow.

## Soldier in a mountain marathon

A SOLDIER from Dudley was among the six strong Army team that took on the challenge of a 48-mile Alpine marathon at the weekend.

Private David Billingham, aged 23, was joining comrades from the 1st Battalion the Mercian Regiment on the trek that took place on Saturday.

The arduous challenge that took around 14 hours, involved an ascent and descent of 8,530 feet to raise thousands of pounds for The Mercian Regiment Benevolent Fund. They underwent a training run in the Windermere Marathon in May but the Swiss Alpine Ultra proved far more demanding.

Major Rich Grover, who lead a team, said: "All six personnel have served at least one tour of Afghanistan, and two have also served in Iraq and Northern Ireland.

"We have already raised £3,000 and hope to reach our target of £5,000 with continued help from sponsors."

The rest of the team was Sgt Chris Wightman, Cpl Dipak Rai, LCpl William Kelly and Pte Tom Keenan. See [www.justgiving.com/Richard-Grover4/](http://www.justgiving.com/Richard-Grover4/) to give a donation.

Members of her former team Oldbury Swimming and Triathlon Club led celebrations in the Black Country and Sandwell Council announced plans to host a civic ceremony in celebration of her golden double.

### Signs

Special 'Goldbury' signs marking Jodie's momentous success are also planned for the town, Sandwell Council leader, Councillor Darren Cooper, has revealed. He said: "We are so proud of Jodie and want to do our bit to make sure her fantastic achievement is recognised. We want to hold a Civic Reception for Jodie and are looking at having special signs put up around Oldbury — 'or Goldbury' — paying tribute to our brilliant gold medallist."

Jodie joined Oldbury Swimming and Triathlon Club as a youngster, training at Langley Swimming Centre. She was part of Sandwell's Triple S Gifted and Talented Programme and carried the Olympic Torch in 2012.

Oldbury Swimming and Triathlon Club, which holds meetings in Sandwell Valley, is hosting the Jodie Stimpson Aquathon on Sunday. She will be guest of honour at the event which starts at 9am at Swan Pool.

Travel firm Network West Midlands re-titled a bus with the GOLDBury destination to celebrate.

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## Hip hop not hip op for grannies



Dancing grannies, alias Susan Hawkins, Jacky Fellows, Deb Nicholls and Emma Rollason

HOBBLING along on walking sticks, a group of who are apparently cardigan-clad pensioners in the Black Country have become an internet sensation with the booty shaking, hip wiggling dance routine that would give Beyonce a run for her money

Dudley comedy troupe The Fizzogs became a worldwide internet hit after a video of the group in action with their hip hop grannies routine at Stourbridge carnival went viral. Now the four familiar faces from the Black Country Living Museum are in

talks with American TV producers wowed by their internet success. The women behind the blue rinse wigs are Sue Hawkins, Deb Nicholls, Jacky Fellows and Emma Rollason and they have been making plans to take the 'Ode Folk' routine stateside.

Deb, of Wollaston, said: "We have had a lot of interest from America and we are in talks with a screen writer." Sue, who started Fizzog Productions 14 years ago, said she couldn't believe the attention the video, filmed on July 6, has received.

# Greens at golf course attacked by vandals

VANDALS have partly destroyed the greens on seven out of nine greens at Warley Woods golf course.

Yobs took flag poles out of the holes and used them to stab part of the greens and pulled cups out of the holes and ripped turf. Some of the flags were discovered in bushes nearby.

Warley Woods Trust manager Viv Cole said: "It's absolutely horrendous, the staff work so hard. It's not a well-paid profession and it's not a big budget golf course.

### Hurts

It really hurts to think that some people don't care, and do that in a place that is so loved by many people."

Five of the greens were struck on Friday night. A regional competition was due to take place there the next day and was able to go ahead thanks to repairs by the groundsman. Two more greens were damaged that night.

The course is still playable with damaged areas marked 'out of play'. The problem was reported to the police.

The course was damaged just days before it was announced that Warley Woods had been awarded a Green Flag for the sixth year running.

## Walker hurt on Clent Hills

A WALKER was rescued from the Clent Hills after badly injuring his ankle.

Paramedics were called to the four stones at the summit of the beauty spot where the man, aged in his 40s, had injured his leg falling into a hole. He was given pain relief and treated for a suspected fractured ankle.

The man was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham for further treatment after paramedics were called at 1.20pm on Monday. They used their 6x6 all-terrain vehicle to safely bring the man down to the awaiting ambulance.

## Bus attack arrest

A MAN has been arrested in connection with a sexual assault on a bus in Cradley Heath. Police have been investigating an attack on a young woman on the number 243 bus from Dudley to Merry Hill. Officers arrested a 59-year-old man from Dudley.

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# Buses in a major shake-up of routes

BUS passengers are facing upheaval after changes a dozen services including routes to a hospital and Merry Hill shopping centre.

National Express West Midlands has revised services in parts of Dudley and Sandwell. Some passengers claim the changes were not adequately communicated.

The 127 service from Birmingham to Warley and Blackheath, has been extended into Dudley to replace the 205/205E.

The 205 service will not longer serves Blackheath and only links Dudley to Russells Hall Hospital and Kingswinford and Wall Heath.

The 297/297A to Merry Hill shopping centre, Brierley Hill and Russells Hall Hospital from Halesowen, Old Hill and Cradley Heath is now only running from Merry Hill to Gornal Wood via Brierley Hill, Russells Hall Hospital and Pensnett.

National Express West Midlands spokesman Jack Kelly said: "We have worked hard to ensure that residents were given notice of these changes and that they have as small an impact on existing customers as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience these changes cause."

# Meerkats get own mansion

MEERKATS at Dudley Zoo are to have a home make over thanks to an anonymous £1,000 donation.

Work is underway on a meerkat mansion after a mystery donor posted a cheque to the Castle Hill zoo addressed to 'Alexander'.

Now the meerkats at the historic site will benefit from the revamp project which will include a heated timber-frame structure.

The development team at the zoo are working alongside keepers to also build a viewing window so visitors can watch the meerkat mob whatever the weather.

# Museum sponsor

FOUNDRY business Thomas Dudley has linked up with the nearby Black Country Living Museum to allow more than 1,000 schoolchildren to visit the attraction. From September the company will sponsor the museum's schools membership scheme.

# Guest homes project hit by mines delay

PLANS to transform the site of a Victorian hospital into around 200 homes have been delayed by mine shafts and limestone workings.

Seven years ago the former Dudley Guest Hospital, Tipton Road, was taken off the hands of the NHS by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for a major homes development.

Wates Living Space was appointed developer for the £30 million project four years ago at site, next to the current Guest Hos-

pital and opposite the Black Country Living Museum. A total of 218 homes and community facilities including a meeting or sports hall and shop were to be built at the site.

Start on construction was expected to begin two years ago with the homes expected to be built by now but work on the scheme is yet to start.

Agency spokesman Johanne Thomas said: "The HCA are still committed to the redevelopment of Dudley Guest Hospital and we are still working with the develop-

ers Wates Construction. Unforeseen site costs, from issues such as mine shafts and limestone works amongst other things, has resulted in delays and so we are currently making some changes to the scheme to ensure it is still a viable project.

"We expect to have concluded this in the autumn when we will be in a position to announce the changes and revised timescales for the project."

Stewart Reid Business, director at Wates Living Space, said: "Our focus remains on

working closely with the HCA to ensure that this complex regeneration project is built in the most cost-effective way.

"The unforeseen issues have meant that we have had to collaboratively readdress our plans in order to reach a solution that works for all parties and will ultimately bring these new homes for sale and rent to the people of Dudley."

The main hospital closed about 10 years ago after most departments were moved to modern Russells Hall Hospital.

# Lower speed limit in bid to boost safety on busy road

**A BUSY dual carriageway in Quarry Bank where a man died after being hit by a lorry will have its speed limit cut to 30mph in the wake of calls to make the road safer.**

Crashes, speeding traffic and the number of schools, parks and homes nearby are among the factors behind the proposal for Thorns Road.

The reduction from 40mph to 30mph will cover the whole of Thorns Road, as well as parts of Pedmore Road in Lye and Merry Hill to cover a 1.5mile stretch from Lye to Brierley Hill.

## Calls

Thorns Primary School, Stevens Park, Lye Railway Station are situated along the road, which was also where 26-year-old Sartaj Aziz was hit by a lorry in August last year. He died at the scene.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transport, said: "There have been calls from people and businesses living along the road for a long time to make it safer. We have looked at the issues and considered a reduction in speed limit is the best option.

"It is a dual carriageway, but there are lots of people crossing the road and many schools, pubs and parks along it. There was also the accident where the man was knocked down by the lorry last year. I believe it is important we encourage traffic to slow down and improve the safety for people."

By Alex Ross

Council officers carried out a speed survey which showed 85 per cent of motorists were travelling within the 40mph speed limit. The average speed was 34.5mph.

In a report officers said the average speed recorded showed a new 30mph speed limit could be 'realistically considered'.

The plan has been devised alongside the council's Safer Routes to School Scheme after the council received complaints from parents about the speed of traffic on the road.

The decision, due to be signed off by highways bosses this week, has been welcomed by mother-of-two Jo Messinger.

Last month she called for improvements to the crossing junction at Thorns Road and Quarry Bank High Street after she had almost been hit by a van when crossing the road with her two sons Adam, eight, and Zach, six, at a pedestrian crossing in February.

# Pistols handed in to police

ALMOST 30 guns have been surrendered in less than a week after the launch of an amnesty to rid the streets of the West Midlands of firearms. The weapons, which have included Second World War pistols as well as more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition, have been handed in at police stations across the region. The initiative until Saturday allows people to hand firearms into police stations across the West Midlands without being prosecuted.



Leasowes Country Park warden Helen Edwards with managers Daniel Filde and Dave Keeley

# Green Flags are awarded to parks

PARKS and nature reserves across Dudley borough have celebrated obtaining prestigious Green Flag status.

The scheme recognises the best green spaces in the country and awards have been given to Huntington Park and grade I listed The Leasowes in Halesowen. Other winners included Netherton Park, Silver Jubilee Park in Coseley, Priory Park, Wrens Nest Nature Reserve and Wollescote Park.

Environment boss Councillor Hilary Bills said: "Our borough is blessed with a number of beautiful green spaces and I am delighted that the hard work of our teams and members of the local community is being recognised with this prestigious status."

Among the sites in Sandwell to receive the Green Flag are Sandwell Valley Country Park, Tipton Cemetery, Victoria Park in Smethwick and Moorlands Allotments in West Bromwich. Haden Hill Park in Cradley has received the Green Heritage Accreditation for the sixth year for historic sites.

Warley Woods, run by Warley Woods Community Trust, also received the award.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Vaccinations high across borough

DUDLEY is beating national targets for vaccinations, contributing to a sharp fall in two dangerous diseases.

Public health experts welcomed figures which show the borough is above targets for vaccinations against whooping cough and rotavirus, a common cause of vomiting and severe diarrhoea in infants.

Uptake in England revealed 71 per cent of pregnant women in Dudley had been vaccinated against whooping cough and 97 per cent of children had been vaccinated.

### Hard work has paid off, says MP

DUDLEY South MP Chris Kelly has welcomed figures which show the British economy is above its pre-recession peak.

The economy grew by 0.8 per cent in the second quarter of this year, up 3.1 per cent on the same period last year. Conservatives say this means more business and more jobs. Tory MP Mr Kelly said: "Thanks to the hard work of people in Dudley and the Black Country, and across Britain, the economy is now above its pre-crisis peak."

### Roll up to Best of British fun day

A MUSEUM is holding its Best of British family fun day on Saturday.

There will be Punch and Judy shows, donkey rides glassmaking demonstrations and crafts at Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford.

There will be storytelling, people in historic costumes and a falconry display at the free event from 10am to 3.30pm. Call (01384) 812745 for details.

### Council planners getting Smarter

DUDLEY Council has been named a Smarter Planning Champion by the Planning Portal, the Government's online planning and building regulation resource.

It comes as 60 per cent of applicants submit planning applications online, which is said to help speed up the process by improving communication between applicants and the council.

### Police meeting

RESIDENTS in Halesowen can raise issues with police at a meeting on August 16. It will run from 10am to noon at Halesowen Library in Queensway Mall with officers from Halesowen South police team.

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THE Church of England has ditched the Devil from baptisms, so can we assume that Hell is no longer with us? If so, we will need a new range of expressions. It was announced this week that the Church is planning to use positive discrimination to hand out bishops' jobs to female priests. So if you are a newly-ordained male priest, what are your chances of making it to the top, now that 'a cat in hell's chance' is redundant?

JEREMY Paxman's replacement on Newsnight is the openly gay Evan Davis. There is much speculation about how the tattooed and (allegedly) intimately pierced Mr Davis will tackle the big interviews. One commentator says his appointment will reinforce the BBC's diversity agenda and bring "a light touch." The implication is that a gay inquisitor will be gentler than Paxo because that's what gays are like, right? Consider this. Staffordshire Police, thanks to its diversity employment policies, is proud to be known as one of Britain's most gay-friendly employers. You are more likely to encounter a gay bobby in Staffordshire than anywhere else in Britain. So is the constabulary full of "light touch" bobbies? Not exactly. A survey this week reveals that you are more likely to be Tasered by cops in Staffordshire than in any other county. Explain that.

QUIETLY, very quietly, while all eyes were on Gaza and Ukraine, Whitehall made a tiny announcement. Until now, for every year you delay drawing your state pension, its value increases by 10.4 per cent. From 2016 this will be cut to 5.8 per cent. Just like that. There are lies, damned lies and pension promises.

SO there is to be a full inquiry into the death by poisoning in 2006 of the former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko. Any chance of an inquiry into the death of Dr David Kelly who was found dead during the Iraq war inquiry in 2003? I guess not. How strange it is that the death of a foreigner, probably murdered by his own people, gets proper attention but our own Dr Kelly, a national hero and a hugely principled man, has been denied even an inquest.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Former MEP is charged with expenses fraud

**A FORMER MEP has been charged with money laundering and misconduct in public office after an inquiry into her expense claims.**

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said Nikki Sinclair, who lost her seat in the European Parliament this year, had been charged with the offences by West Midlands Police. A CPS spokesman said the offences were alleged to have been committed while the 45-year-old was a serving MEP for the West Midlands between October 2009 and July 2010.

**By Peter Madeley**

Miss Sinclair lost her seat at May's European elections after leaving Ukip and standing for the We Demand A Referendum Now party.

## Court

A police spokesman said: "West Midlands Police's Economic Crime Unit has formally charged former MEP Nicole Sinclair with misconduct in public office and money laundering."

"Ms Sinclair is due to appear at Birmingham Magistrates' Court on September 17 where she will hear claims that she made false and dishonest submissions for travelling expenses and transferred the proceeds of fraud through a bank account in her name."

"The offences are alleged to have taken place between 1 October 2009 and 31 July 2010 when Ms Sinclair was a serving Member of the European Parliament. West Midlands Police has

been working jointly with officers from the European Anti-Fraud Office."

Miss Sinclair, of Shirley, was originally arrested in February 2012 and has since been on police bail.

In a separate statement, Simon Orme, a specialist lawyer with the CPS Special Crime Division, said: "It is alleged that, between October 2009 and July 2010, whilst serving as an MEP, Ms Sinclair used funds paid into her bank account by the European Parliament in respect of false travelling expenses claims. Ms Sinclair has also been charged with misconduct in a public office with regard to her actions."

Miss Sinclair said: "I strongly refute these charges and will be firmly defending myself."

"I am certain I shall be found innocent of these ludicrous and unfounded accusations."

## Metal artist branches out



Artist Luke Perry works on his steel tree at Solid Swivel, Cradley

A TREE is being created from steel and its leaves stamped with the names of pupils for an artwork which will welcome visitors to a school.

The work by Black Country artist Luke Perry and, once completed, will be installed near the entrance of Timbertree Primary School, Cradley Heath.

Mr Perry said the work is 'around 70 per cent' finished with the aim to place it at the school early in September so pupils can see the work take shape.

## Workshops

Youngsters at the school, which recently became an academy, helped decide what kind of tree the sculpture should be, an oak tree, during workshops.

And they also suggested decorations for it, from fairies to footballs. During the workshops they were also shown how to create the leaves from metal and stamp their names on them using traditional techniques.

Mr Perry said the work was designed to celebrate the environment and industry of the area.

## A cricket match to honour the war dead

A FIRST World War Centenary charity day of cricket in memory of Warwickshire and other local cricketers who fell in the conflict is to be held in Birmingham.

The event on Sunday will raise cash for local military charities as well as youth and disability cricket in the region.

It has been organised by registered cricket charity, The Bill Lloyd Memorial Trust, and will be held in Handsworth Park on the day before the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of war in 1914.

## Wounded

The event will be dedicated to eight Warwickshire cricketers who died fighting in the Great War, as well as other Birmingham cricketers who were killed or wounded.

It will also acknowledge the 150,000 Brummies who joined up to fight in the war - the 12,500 who didn't return and the 35,000 seriously injured.

Highlight of the day will be a 40 overs-a-side match between a Warwickshire Cricket League team and a Trust XI. There will also be a youth and disability T20 cricket match.

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## 'Lights out' to honour war dead of 1914-18

A CANDLELIGHT service will take place joining national commemorations marking 100 years since the beginning of the First World War.

The 'Lights Out' initiative is a nationwide event on Monday where households and communities are encouraged to switch off their lights between 10pm and 11pm, leaving one solitary light or candle.

### Tower

A service will be taking place at the Clock Tower, in Priory Street, Dudley opposite the town's museum and art gallery, where people are invited to light candles in a moment of reflection, hope and peace.

The aim is to light one million candles across the country to remember the service men and women who died for their country between 1914 and 1918.

People can also get involved by simply turning out the lights at their home.

The service in Dudley town centre will start at 9.50pm.

Mayor of Dudley Council Margaret Aston said: "The 'Lights Out' event is a perfect opportunity for people to come together and reflect."

"The service allows people to mark the occasion and remember those who fought for us all those years ago."

# Hundreds join protest over bloodshed in Gaza

AS violence continues to escalate in the Middle East, protestors gathered for a demonstration outside Sandwell Council House, in Freeth Street, on Friday

Many waved flags and wore T-shirts with slogans at the protest after Friday prayers. Chants of 'Free Palestine' came from the crowd including men, women and children.

Organisers said they had decided to stage the demonstration outside the council house as it was an open space and would minimise disruption to other areas.

Chairman of the Inclusive Muslim Action Network Raghib Muflihi said: "People in the Muslim community want their voices to be heard about the situation in the Middle East. They are seeing the images and the deaths that are taking place there and want their feelings to be known."

"Members of the Muslim community have come together from mosques and community centres from across Sandwell for this event. It is the first time this has collectively happened for a demonstration of this kind."

Among those attending was 24-year-old Birmingham University student Maysara Arabeed from Gaza, who arrived in the UK to study around eight months ago. "I am hugely supportive of demonstrations of this kind. Not only do they give people a voice

By Lee Watton

but I hope they will also make politicians take notice," he said.

"It is very difficult to express my feelings of the situation at home. It is horrific. There is no way of contacting family to make sure they are okay. It is a frightening situation every day."

Mr Arabeed said he planned to return to Gaza following completion of his studies.

Imam Ghulam Rasool, who helped to organise the event, said he was pleased with the number of people who had turned out to protest. Among speakers was former Birmingham City councillor Salma Yacoub.

Israel has launched a military operation in Gaza against armed group Hamas but hundreds of ordinary Gaza residents have been caught in the crossfire with many killed by the Israeli Defense Forces.

## Police appeal after distraction burglary



A CCTV image of the three women who police want to talk to about a burglary

POLICE want to speak to these women in connection with a distraction burglary at the home of an 87-year-old woman in Halesowen.

Officers believe the women may have followed the pensioner to her home in Halesowen after she got off a bus near near Long Mynd in Hayley Green.

The pensioner got home and then received a knock at her door. She opened it to see three women who she recalled had been travelling on the same bus.

One of the women asked for directions to a local hospital while another asked to use her toilet before then asking for a glass of water. While the women were in the house £400 was stolen. The incident took place at noon on June 10.

Acting Detective Sergeant Matt Nightingale said: "Inquires so far have revealed that the women followed the pensioner from Asda, then onto the bus and then to her home. We would like to hear from anyone who recognises the three in the images, call us on 101 or via the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Travellers leave after legal notice

TRAVELLERS who set up camp on a community park have left the site after being issued with a legal notice.

Around 10 vehicles parked up on Hurst Green Park, off Moat Drive, Halesowen.

Dudley Council issued a formal legal notice requiring them to leave the park. Bosses said they had left the site on Tuesday and a clean up operation has been carried out at the site.

Residents complained a large amount of litter had built up along a pathway linking the park with Yates Lane end.

A campaign has been launched for the site to be fenced off or bollards installed to prevent anything similar happening in future.

#### Fashion store is to open at centre

FASHION retailers Simply Be and Jacamo have announced plans to open at Merry Hill shopping centre.

Around 30 jobs will be created at the dual store at the shopping centre in Brierley Hill this summer.

The Merry Hill launch is part of parent group N Brown Group PLC's plans to open seven new stores before the end of the year, including Birmingham.

The 7,946 sqft store will provide a selection of men's and women's fashion.

Simply Be is a young fashion collection and Jacamo offers a range of fashion for men.

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## Stripes are part of football history

I KNOW much has been said on this subject but I could rest no longer.

It was with some dismay that I viewed the new football kit of West Bromwich Albion.

I could not help feeling that not only the person who designed it but also the person who sanctioned it are flying in the face, not only of over 125 years of Albion history, but of football history in general.

Despite what some presenters at the BBC might like to think, West Bromwich Albion as members of the original Football League are part of football history along with our

rivals from Wolverhampton and Aston. We had in the 1970s a brush with a broader stripe but at least in was recognisable as blue and white stripes.

So yes, as I say to those responsible for this change, we do have a pin stripe but to all intent and purpose it is a white shirt.

So, as I have said, over 125 years of football history are cast aside at a whim.

**E J JOHNSON**

**Smethwick**

## Never too old to use computers

CONCERNING pensioners using computers.

I have been using one for more than ten years and I would not be without it.

I email friends and relations in Australia and send photos which are on their screen in a few seconds.

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I have to admit that in the early stages you may wish to look for a very large hammer to demolish your computer but you must be patient and it will all come right.

So, for anyone thinking about having a go with a computer, I say go for it.

Oh, and I almost forgot, I am 94 years old.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Anglian church still has lots of life in it

I FELT there was a critical, angry tone in two snippets of Peter Rhodes' column of July 24, which seemed to be unfairly swipes at churches.

Without evidence, he stated that the Church of England is 'a clapped-out organisation' that has only a few years left.

Let me give reasons for my view that the Church of England has lots of life in it. St James, at Eve Hill, serves my local area through events, such as fairs, that bring the community together.

Dropping into a parish church this week, I was impressed by the breadth of support given to individuals and groups, for example, visiting prisoners and encouraging victims (both chil-

dren and adults) of domestic violence.

An Anglican church where I was a member contributed to a successful bid for regeneration funding for a run-down area, helped the community steward the funds and pioneered a 'New Hope' project.

This helped recruit volunteers for much-needed services.

Another Anglican church I've been part of has helped me, and millions of other people worldwide, through the Alpha Course - see [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org) - and I warmly commend it to Mr Rhodes and all readers.

**SIMON TOWNEND**  
**Malthouse Drive**  
**Dudley**

## Black Country made in Taiwan

BEING caught up in the enthusiasm of Black Country Day, my wife and I decided to buy a flag.

We were too late, as all stocks had been sold out by last weekend.

But our trail to purchase one took us to the 'Cone' in Wordsley.

My wife purchased four. There was one each for our sons who live in The Lake District and America, one for a friend who lives in Birmingham - OK, he is not Black country but he gets flags from wherever and flies them on his caravan flag pole as the mood takes him - and one for us.

Why did these Black Country Day flags have to be 'Made in Taiwan'?

Cannot such things be made in the UK at least?

**P COLE**  
**Kingswinford**

## What about the scallops?

THURSDAY evening flipping channels on telly, I came across John Torode's Australia.

In the programme he visited a fish and chip shop. He ordered a meal which included potato cakes. He said they were a potato cooked in batter. Correct.

He has lived in England for 20 years. He said no one in Australia cooked this.

In the Midlands they're well known as scallops.

I wonder if he has ever been in a high street or corner fish shop in his life.

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# £1.2m to be spent by council on resurfacing

HUNDREDS of roads will be repaired in Sandwell borough under a major resurfacing scheme taking place over the summer.

More than £1.2 million of Government cash is being ploughed into the scheme that is seeing work take place in all of Sandwell's six towns.

The work to repair the roads comes after another harsh winter that has seen an increase in potholes.

Highways boss Councillor Maria Crompton said: "Over the last couple of winters we have had bad weather which has caused quite bad deterioration of the roads in the borough."

"We need to do the work now before more damage is done to the road."

## Protect

"Although the work will cause short term disruption, which some people will not like, it is necessary to protect our roads for the future."

The areas where the most work will take place are West Bromwich and Wednesbury.

The weather will need to be dry for the work to take place, so dates may change. A road sweeper will be sent where stone chippings have been used.

By Tom Mason

tified by a leaflet through their door and there will signs in the street about when people may need to move their vehicles.

"This work carried out now will stop major disruption in the future and is a far cheaper option than leaving the roads to get worse and needing a full resurface," added Councillor Crompton.

The majority of the work will take during August, but more dates are yet to be announced.

The weather will need to be dry for the work to take place, so dates may change.

A road sweeper will be sent where stone chippings have been used.

# Group is looking for wave of new recruits



Sandwell Sea Cadets are looking for new members. Saluting is Able Cadet Imogen Groves, who is aged 15

YOUNG people are being invited to make waves in their future career aspirations in the Royal Navy by signing up to join a sea cadet group.

Sandwell Sea Cadets has 15 members aged from 10 to 18 but bosses have launched a drive to double their numbers.

Having visited schools and held a fun day earlier, administration officer Sam Trevis said she hoped more members will join this summer. The group is based in Birmingham Road, Rowley Regis.

Miss Trevis said: "We went through a stage of reorganisation and so recruitment was not top of the agenda. But we're now keen to double our numbers. It is ideal for any young person wanting to get a taste of what it will be like in the Royal Navy."

On July 12 the group held a fun day at the Sir Robert Peel pub in Rowley Regis which raised £300 toward the group's fundraising for a new minibus.

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# Residents delighted as gate shuts out alley yobs

**A PASSAGE** in Halesowen dubbed 'anti-social alley' has been closed following complaints from residents.

The alleyway off Albert Road in Hasbury has been blamed for a spate of burglaries, thefts and arson attacks.

After residents' calls for closure were initially turned down by Dudley Council, they have finally won their bid for the alley to be gated off.

The move was supported by Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris, as well as police. It also came after a consultation was held by the council on the closure and not a single objection was received.

Residents with homes backing on to the alley say they have already noticed a big difference.

They have also offered to purchase the vacant land from the council and to take on responsibility for maintaining and securing it.

Mr Morris said: "This alleyway had become a magnet for crime and anti-social behaviour, making local people's lives a nightmare. After residents came to one of my advice surgeries, I agreed to support their campaign for a gating order."

"I am thrilled that together we have succeeded in getting Dudley Council to take this necessary step."

Justin Hill, of Albert Road, said: "After two years of trying without success to get the council to take action, we are really grateful to James for getting the problem sorted. The difference this order has made for people in our road is incredible. Our lives are now much more peaceful and our homes are more secure."

Transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "We have been working with police and local residents in Albert Road following concerns about crime and antisocial behaviour along



**MP James Morris with residents at the gated alleyway in Hasbury**

the footpath near people's homes. We're pleased to have been able to help people resolve an issue which has been causing residents some concern for a while now. We are committed to making Dudley a safer community for everyone with initiatives like this.

"We will take a tough line on an-

ti-social behaviour and listen to the concerns of local people and act quickly."

The idea for the closure was put forward by traffic officers at an area forum meeting last December. The gate does not restrict the entrance to special needs day centre Halas House.



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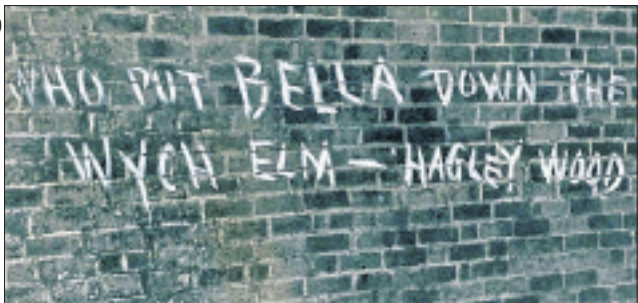
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Thomas Willetts, who raised the alarm, pictured talking with a neighbour 10 years later



Gestapo agent Josef Jakobs was shot by a firing squad



Steve Punt searched through archives at the Express & Star

# Investigating Bella down the Wych Elm

IT WAS late April in 1943, the sun was setting behind the Clent Hills and four teenage boys were foraging around Lord Cobham's estate on a poaching expedition in Hagley Woods.

One of them clambered up a tree, looking for a bird's nest, but what he found would haunt him for the rest of his days. The tree, known as the 'wych elm' due to its sinister appearance, was hollow. As 15-year-old Bob Farmer glanced down, the empty eye sockets of a skull glared back.

Fearful that police might have asked awkward questions about what he was doing up the tree in the first place, after a quick examination of the gruesome find, Bob put the skull back. He and friends Bob Hart, Tom Willetts and Fred Payne, returned to their homes in Wollescote, hoping that would be the end of the matter. Tom, the youngest, found the secret too hard to keep and told his parents.

## MEMORY LANE

By Mark Andrews

Police found the skeleton of a young woman inside the hollowed-out tree. Across the fields they found her severed hand.

Graffiti bearing the message 'who put Bella down the Wych Elm' began appearing on walls in the area. But the mystery of who Bella was — let alone who was responsible for her death — has continued to confound both police and amateur sleuths for decades.

It is a riddle which brought comedian Steve Punt to the Express & Star head office in Wolverhampton, as he launched his own investigation into one of Worcestershire's most infamous unsolved crimes for his BBC Radio 4 series Punt PI.

For many years the most popular theory was that 'Bella' had been murdered in some kind of black magic ritual. Then a theory involving Nazi spies gained weight when MI5 published wartime

files, which detail the interrogation of Czech-born Gestapo agent Josef Jakobs who was arrested by the Home Guard after parachuting into Cambridgeshire in January 1941. He was found to have been carrying a photograph of the German cabaret singer and movie star Clara Bauerle, who he said was his lover. He told his interrogators that Bauerle had been recruited as a secret agent but claimed she had yet to parachute into England.

Bauerle would have been 35 and had spent two years working music halls of the West Midlands during the late 1930s. She was said to have spoken English with a Midland accent. It hardly takes a great leap of imagination from Clara Bauerle to Clara Bella. Even more intriguingly, she apparently disappeared without trace in 1941. Jakobs was shot by firing squad on August 15, 1941, the last man to be executed at the Tower of London.

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# Last days of the Darby and Joan social club



Mayor of Sandwell Councillor Derek Rowley with club secretary Betty Johnson and Consort Glenis Rowley

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Cradley Heath's Darby and Joan club has proved to be just that for its members over the 63 years. But it's future is looking bleak as it is earmarked to close at Christmas because of a lack of funds.

Once boasting a thriving membership of 75, today the club has just 14 members and those few remaining are heartbroken that their club is to close. Members meet every Wednesday af-

ternoon at Overend Methodist Church and the group celebrated their last summer meal this month.

They will continue to meet until December but their festive lunch will be the last function after organisers announced they no longer have the money to keep the weekly meetings going.

The decision to stop after 63 years is blamed on dwindling numbers. Each week members pay £1 and enjoy a small hymn service and are entertained by a guest speaker or musician.

Organiser Betty Johnson said: "We will carry on until Christmas but we

would rather go out on a high than dwindle out with no funds at all left. It will be a great shame. For many it is a reason to get out of the house."

Each week there is a raffle and the latest lunch was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Sandwell.

Vera Trevis, 94, from Halesowen is the eldest member of the group. She said: "I just don't know what I will do when it finishes. I have got a lot of friends here and this club gives me the chance to see them." Kathleen Homer, 90, from Cradley Heath, has been attending for 30 years. She said: "I will be heartbroken when it closes."

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# The town is looking blooming marvellous



Halesowen Flower Club Chairman Lynne Ridout and committee member Rosemary Dearing are pictured with their work

**IT was judgement day for traders and volunteers in Halesowen as Heart of England in Bloom experts arrived to inspect their hard work.**

An array of floral arrangements have been springing up around the town centre in readiness for the contest. An army of volunteers have taken to the streets to spruce up areas.

Buildings have been given a lick of paint and floral arrangements have been fitted to the front of many shops. Flowers have also been placed around the town's war memorial and

in the grounds of St John the Baptist Church. Community groups throughout the town have come forward to help.

The judges were taken on a tour of the town when they visited on Monday of last week. Now the volunteers face an anxious wait until September before they will find out if they have been successful in the competition.

Chairman of Halesowen in Bloom Eve O'Connor said it was the first time the town had entered the Heart of England competition.

"We decided in March that we were going to go for it this year," she said.

"We are really pleased with all of the community groups which have got involved and supported the event. The town is looking blooming marvellous."

"We will have to wait until September 11 for the results and there will be a ceremony in Shrewsbury."

Chairman of the town's chamber of trade Wayne Edwards said he was impressed with all of the work which had gone into getting the town ready for the judges. He added: "The work of the volunteers and the contributions everyone has made have been superb. I don't think the town has ever looked as good as it does now."

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## 'No' ruling on lowering voting age

West Mids Federation

SEVERAL members travelled from West Midlands to Cardiff for the National AGM in St David's Hall on June 18.

Laurence Parkes took the Roll Call with trustee Win Gair carrying the National banner. National chairman Margaret Key announced that eight new guilds had been formed during the last year.

The first topic was introduced by Dom Anderson who gave a credible argument for reducing the voting age to 16. Professor Andrew Russell voted against it. Following a debate from the floor a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

The main speaker was travel writer Matthew Collins, a one-time member of TV's 'The Travel Show'. His talk was amusing and well received. A vote of thanks was given by Jenny Rideout.

The next topic concerned enforcing existing legislation for female genital mutilation (FGM). The 'for' vote was unanimous.

Matthew Hatch, a director of the Wales Carers Trust, gave a talk about the charity that exists to support unpaid carers.

Following a break for lunch, Margaret Key presented awards to the winners of the crown green bowls and the scrabble competitions. The national quiz was won by Chesterfield. Billericay won the membership shield.

The officer award was won by Ann Dunlop and Townswoman of the year was Shirley Alton of South Staffs.

## Magistrate speaker does herself justice

Wedsbury TG

### Guild comes first in Federation quiz

Pelsall E TG

AT the June 19 meeting thanks and praise were expressed to Jennie Ferrington and Sylvia Brown for the flowers and 'little boxes' placed on the tables at the birthday dinner on the May 15 at the County Hotel, Walsall.

It was an excellent meal in an ideal room and arrangements have been made to hold the Christmas dinner at the same location.

Members were advised that Pelsall Guild had won the Federation quiz evening held on June 9.

A reminder was given regarding the craft fair on November 29 at Aldridge Community Centre.

June's speaker was Penny Wheat who spoke of her interest, aroused originally by a library book, in prisoners on Death Row in the USA. She wrote to

prisoners for many years, and later visited those on 'Death Row' and 'lifers'. It was a most interesting and poignant talk.

The postcard competition was won by Carol Manlove and the raffle by Margaret Tolley.

The July 17 speaker was Christine Gregory who gave a very interesting talk on Remembrance Day in other countries, illustrated by photographs.

The competition for a war souvenir was won by Sandra Pagett with an original Princess Mary gift box issued to all servicemen at the front at Christmas 1914. Sylvia Brown was the raffle winner.

The meeting on August 21 is a social evening with baked potatoes.

## Ed sure gave a good talk

Grange 'E' TG

THE monthly meeting was held at Grange Court on July 1. A warm welcome was given to two visitors.

A strawberry cream tea for all members will be held on August 5 with an invitation also to residents of Grange Court.

Marlene O'Hanlon asked members if they were able to knit small teddies, for which she would provide the instructions, to be sent to hospitals to be given to children.

Chris Holton reported that the collection for the food bank had been overwhelming. The copper coin collection was also going well.

Speaker Ed Shore gave a talk complete with slides entitled 'Travelling through India towing a caravan'.

His talk was very amusing, interesting and enjoyable.

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## Man, 90, rescued after bedroom fall

A 92-YEAR-OLD man was rescued by fire-fighters after falling from his chair behind a bedroom door.

Emergency services were alerted by the man's niece who was unable to get into the room to help him.

Crews were called to the property in Eaton Crescent, Gornal Wood, at around 2pm last Wednesday and firefighters used a ladder to get into the room via an upstairs window.

The man was checked by paramedics and taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

A spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service said: "He had fell from his chair. He was in front of the bedroom door so she could not open it."

"The man was talking to her but there was no way of accessing the room."

"Crews used a ladder to access the room and the man was checked by paramedics before he was moved."

## Maria has accounted very well for herself



Victorious young accountant Maria Krasinkiewicz

A 20-year-old student at Halesowen College has been awarded top prize in an accountancy competition.

Maria Krasinkiewicz, of Oldbury, was presented with her trophy at a special awards ceremony organised by the college and held at its Coombs Wood Business Centre.

The annual award was initiated by John Travers, founder of corporate rescue and insolvency practice John D Travers & Co, to encourage the efforts of students keen to develop their technical accountancy skills at AAT Level 3, equivalent to A level.

He said: "The judges were very impressed with this year's candidates all of whom were extremely high calibre, but it is testament to Maria's sparkling performance in all aspects of her work that she came out on top."

Maria, who until recently worked in a local firm of accountants, has now secured a position at BDO, one of the UK's major accounting firms.

She said: "The knowledge gained is being put to good use in my work and I am honoured to have been recognised for my hard work both within and outside college."

## Four new classrooms for primary school

FOUR extra classrooms will be created at a school after the scheme was given a green-light by planners.

Three single-storey developments will be built at Gigmill Primary School, Stourbridge, to house the new rooms. A staff room will also be created at the site on The Broadway.

Dudley Council's development control committee approved the scheme at a recent meeting. Eleven letters of objection were received from residents concerned the scheme would lead to a rise in traffic on minor roads.

But committee chairman Councillor Qadar Zada said the authority would work with the school on a travel plan. "This application was an excellent opportunity for improvement at the school," he said. "In terms of the traffic we will do everything we can to make the lives of people living nearby easier."

Officers recommended the plans be approved subject to conditions.

# Council criticised over zero hours contracts for workers

**DUDLEY Council has come under fire for employing nearly 200 workers on controversial 'zero hours' contracts.**

But the authority says it employs a small number of staff on contracts where they work 'as and when required'.

Such staff include registration officers who can cover seasonal increase in the number of weddings.

But there has been criticism that staff given the contracts do not know if they have work from one week to the next.

UKIP claims the arrangements are 'hypocritical' because the council is controlled by Labour, which has been a vocal critic of such contracts.

The council has confirmed that, excluding

schools, 192 employees currently have zero hour contracts out of more than 6,860 workers.

It revealed the details to Upper Gornal and Woodseton councillor Dean Perks. He and West Midlands MEP and Sedgley councillor Bill Etheridge said for a Labour-run authority, whose national party is to call for the 'living wage', the use of zero hours contracts was 'hypocritical in the extreme'.

### Scandalous

Councillor Perks said: "The hypocrisy of Labour is scandalous. Labour is a two-faced beast as it nationally states a commitment to bringing in the living wage then, at a grassroots level, Labour-run Dudley Council employs almost 200 staff on zero hour contracts."

"In Westminster the Labour Party claims to represent the working class then in Dudley Council House it employs people under employment conditions such as these."

Dudley Council's leader Councillor David Sparks said: "The council employs many thousands of workers and there are fewer than 200 on zero hours contracts."

"Our policy is to keep zero hours contracts to an absolute minimum."

"We consult with the trade unions and only use these arrangements when there is no alternative."

"Yet again, UKIP has opened its mouth before putting its brain in gear."

Organisations across the West Midlands have used zero hour contracts.

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# Poppies star behind music for film epic



Pop Will Eat Itself during their glory days with Clint second from left



Russell Crowe as Noah in the Biblical epic now on DVD

**HE is a Black Country lad done good but trips to Molineux and a pint of Bathams are few and far between nowadays for Clint Mansell.**

Instead the former Pop Will Eat Itself frontman is in demand from Hollywood film directors to work on soundtracks for their latest big budget epic.

It was back in the late 1980s and early 1990s that he first found fame though.

Once known for sporting flowing long locks, his band helped put Stourbridge on the music map. They were part of a popular music scene alongside other bands like The Wonder Stuff and Ned's Atomic Dustbin.

But now Clint has swapped the UK to LA and has forged a new career as a sought after composer.

His long-standing partnership with director Darren Aronofsky saw the pair work on modern classics such as Requiem for a Dream, The Wrestler and Black Swan. The latter starred Natalie Portman, who won best actress at the Oscars for her role in the film which revolves around Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake. It also scooped Clint a nomination at the Grammy's in 2012 for best score soundtrack.

Some of his music from the film Requiem for a Dream is also used on the X factor. The piece called Lux Aeterna is what the judges walk out on stage to.

Their latest collaboration, the biblical epic Noah, featuring awarding winning actors Russell

**ANDREW TURTON talks to a former pop star turned Hollywood film composer from Pedmore**

Crowe and Anthony Hopkins, has topped the US box office. Clint's score helps tell one of the world's best known stories as the movie has just hit the UK's stores on DVD and Blu-Ray.

You would think his life was all glamorous parties rubbing shoulders with Hollywood stars but the 51-year-old composer, who grew up in Pedmore, shuns the limelight to allow his work to speak for itself.

## Fortunate

"I'm very fortunate in my life, I've never had any real jobs, I've always been a musician. Being able to write and record your own music with great musicians is a dream come true," he said.

"I don't really do any of the awards stuff. I'm already working on the next thing."

He did travel out to Iceland to visit the set on Noah but admitted he felt 'in the way' and left the cast to it while he enjoyed the trip.

"It did help me get me into the mindset of the film but I think it is as much about trying to immerse yourself in the subject matter and there is so much out there that you can find for yourself as inspiration," he said.

"I didn't really think of it in terms of a biblical story, instead it was more of an end of the world event so I just approached it as a post apocalyptic dystopia story and if you take it literally, God, or the

creator as it is called in the film, is ending the world, which is a pretty scary thought."

"The great difference with this film was the pressure. Every film is going to be different. It's a learning curve all the time."

Clint's said: "I first heard David Bowie when I was about seven or eight and I was just blown away by that. That is what I wanted to do. Then there was Ramones, Sex Pistols and The Clash."

The former King Edward VI College student was a member of the group which eventually became known as Pop Will Eat Itself.

Known to fans as The Poppies, the band scored a string of top 40 singles and four top 40 albums and were part of the 'grebo' scene.

"We just stuck at it. We went on Top of the Pops, toured the world and basically spent our 20s having the best laugh and the best time. I wouldn't change that for the world," said Clint whose family, including his parents Marilyn and Donald, still live in the town.

He records many of the soundtracks in London which affords him time to travel back to the midlands for some home comforts.

"I love coming back to Stourbridge. The beer's the best. Can't beat a Bathams," he said.

When the Poppies disbanded in 1996, Clint moved out to America where he lived in New York and New Orleans and met Aronofsky.

He was living in LA by 2001 when



Movie soundtrack composer Clint Mansell formerly of Pop Will Eat Itself

he started getting more film work but said: "It took me about three years to find my feet. But the thing that helped me settle was they started showing the Premier League over here. Then Wolves got promoted that year and that gave me a real taste of home in LA and it was really important to me."

## Concert

Clint admits he does not go to many gigs any more but he says he is listening to more music than ever before including the new incarnation of Pop Will Eat Itself, who are playing their first home town concert in almost 30 years tomorrow night (Friday)

The group now features one

original member in drummer/vocalist Graham Crabb, is to play at the River Rooms

The original group, which released five albums, briefly reformed in 2005. The latest incarnation started in 2011 and released album New Noise Designed by a Sadist. New members included vocalist Mary Byker, formerly with Gaye Bykers On Acid, Apollo 440 and Pigface; guitarist Tim Muddiman, who has played with Gary Numan; drummer Jason Bowld, once with Killing Joke, and bass player Davey Bennett. Tickets are £17. The band then tour Australia and New Zealand. Meanwhile, Clint is planning some solo shows later this year in London and Manchester.

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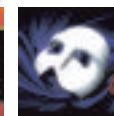
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# Famous pub is making way for 12 new houses

**LAST orders have been called on a famous pub which once boasted a host of famous names among its clientele.**

Bulldozers have moved in to demolish a once popular Hagley pub that counted celebrities among its customers.

Stars including Coronation Street actor Johnny Briggs and Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant are among the famous names associated with The Prince of Wales pub on the busy A491 Hagley Road, which is being replaced with homes.

But the building has lain empty for several years since it was shut down during a planning wrangle over an abandoned road scheme.

The pub was originally purchased by the Highways Agency in 1993 along with a row of nearby houses, to pave the way for the proposed six-lane £115 million Kidderminster, Blakedown and Hagley bypass. This was intended to tunnel under Wychbury Hill, opposite the pub, but plans for the new road were dropped in 1996.

## Friends

The landlord at the time the Highways Agency bought the pub was Peter Smith, who ran the pub for well over a decade from the 1980s. He regularly welcomed his friends Larry Grayson and Isla St Clair to the venue.

Drag star Danny La Rue was also a regular visitor. He attended Mr Smith's funeral in 2002.

Coronation Street star Johnny Briggs, who played Mike Baldwin in the TV soap, lived nearby and used to pop in. Cricketer Ian Botham also enjoyed a few pints there, as did Is This The Way To Amarillo singer Tony Christie.

After he retired, in the late 1990s, Mr Smith, who was by then renting the pub from the Highways Agency,



The site of the former Prince of Wales pub is earmarked for 12 homes



Gone but not forgotten — The Prince of Wales on Hagley Road

handed over the business to his adopted son James, who ran it until Ted Etheridge took it over with his son, Wayne, in the early 2002 and ran the venue until its closure in 2007.

Mr Etheridge senior, who now helps run the Britannia Sports Bar in Wollaston, said he was saddened to see the building reduced to rubble.

"It was a brilliant atmosphere and a

lovely pub with the best clientele you could want," he said. "We had Johnny Briggs' surprise 70th birthday party at the pub. It is a real shame to see it being bulldozed. It was a great place and it will be missed."

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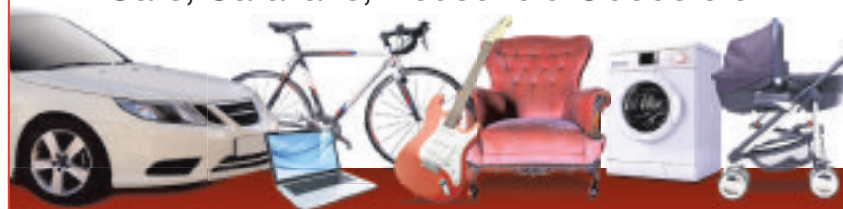
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# Historic chapel is to become register office



Wedding role — historic Lye and Wollescote Cemetery Chapel, in Cemetery Road, Lye, has listed status

**AN HISTORIC** chapel will become a second register office for Dudley borough after officials approved the plan.

West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust submitted proposals for the change of use at the Grade-II listed Lye and Wollescote Cemetery Chapel.

It will now be used as a venue for civil ceremonies after Dudley Council's development control committee approved the change.

The disused building, which dates

back to the 19th century, was sold to building preservation charity the West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust.

Alongside the change of use, the project will see internal work carried out to create a waiting lobby and two reception rooms near the main entrance. There will also be a meeting room and waiting room to the west side of the building and a wedding ceremony room on the eastern side of the buildings.

An office for staff, a larger car park providing 25 car parking spaces and the introduction of an access ramp also form part of the plans. Access to the chapel will also be improved during

the work and coloured glass window re-introduced.

The building has not been in use since 1993 and is a rare surviving example of a cemetery chapel.

It is planned the building will eventually be leased back to Dudley Council for use as a registration office.

Dudley Council retains ownership of the graveyard at the chapel and officials said the memorials there would be protected and given the proper respect.

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## John Rutter's Christmas Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall

Two days departing December 11



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Included is a side circle ticket for the afternoon performance of this classic festive favourite, which also includes numerous sing-along carols.

A visit to Hyde Park, in the heart of London, for the magical Winter Wonderland event is also part of the itinerary. Here there are live shows, fun fair rides and the largest outdoor ice rink in the capital.

Browse the gifts and crafts of the market stalls, which offer a refreshing alternative to the high street goods, and warm up with tasty seasonal treats.

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## Actors 'still' on target for Baggies celebration



Leader of Sandwell Council, Councillor Darren Cooper, and WBA legend Ally Robertson, look at the living version of The Celebration, with, from left, Melhado Evans, Giovanni Brown and Zanie Henry of the Man Made Youth Company posing as Laurie Cunningham, Brendon Batson and Cyrille Regis

**PLANS to immortalise three West Bromwich Albion legends have been brought to life.**

A statue depicting pioneering black players, also known as 'The Three Degrees' - Laurie Cunningham, Brendon Batson and Cyrille Regis - is planned for West Bromwich town centre next year.

The Celebration, which shows the players celebrating a goal, has now been brought to life by actors recreating the pose as part of an exhibition for

this year's Sandwell Arts Festival. The actors, all members of the Man Made Youth Company, appeared on the plinth at New Square Shopping Centre in bronze to recreate the iconic pose.

Ex-Albion star Ally Robertson who played with Brendon, Cyrille and Laurie, was on hand to see the display along with local businessman Jim Cadman who is raising money for the statue.

They were joined by Councillor Darren Cooper, Leader of Sandwell Council, who said the exhibition was a great way of promoting both the statue and the arts festival. "This is a great way

to bring this important project to life and give people a taste of what it will be like to have a fantastic sculpture in the town next year," he said.

The actors will be back in West Bromwich town centre on Saturday to bring The Celebration statue to life at 2pm.

A tribute dinner marking the life of Laurie Cunningham is being held at the International Conference Centre in Birmingham on Monday November 10.

For more information contact Jim Cadman on 07971 624627 or email [jwc@corstone.co.uk](mailto:jwc@corstone.co.uk)

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# Comedy group is looking for stage hands

A THEATRE group is looking for new performers to take part in its next production based on classic fairy tale Cinderella.

Members of Norton's A Comedy Theatre Group are particularly looking for people interested in the production side of theatre, especially lighting, sound and set-building, to join up.

Rehearsals for the production will begin in September and the performance held in December.

## Staged

The group meets on Monday evenings at Norton Community Centre in Stourbridge and shows are staged at Gig Mill Methodist Church, Glebe

Lane. People interested in getting involved are asked to call Phill on 07954 692593, email acomedytheatregroup@hotmail.co.uk or visit their site at facebook.com/stourbridgecomedy

The group was set up in 2010 to give residents the opportunity to perform in front of live audiences. It has performed many different types of shows.

# Teenager is jailed for dealing heroin and crack cocaine

## High Street festival fun



Fun in the sun at Blackheath's second annual High Street festival on Saturday

FAMILIES turned out to enjoy some fun in the sun at Blackheath's summer festival.

Now in its second year, the annual event transformed Blackheath High Street into a live entertainment venue on Saturday.

The music event ran from all afternoon and visitors were entertained by live bands while a talent show showcased the area's rising stars. Among the bands to take to the stage were the Potato Head Jazz Band who played at Blackheath library, also Rowley Regis musician Pete Hackett and Birmingham singer Chloe Pickering.

Youngsters also had the chance to play on the funfair as well as taking part in traditional children's activities provided by Sandwell Leisure Trust.

More than 400 people turned out for the event when the High Street was closed to traffic,although parking was available free elsewhere in the town centre throughout the festival.

The event was part of the council's Rowley Summer Festival and visitors could also wander around a variety of stalls manned by local traders. Traders also donated prizes for a raffle.

# Children glimpse Victorian era at ruined mansion

YOUNGSTERS are being invited to take a hop, skip and a jump back to the Victorian era with a series of summer activities at a magnificent ruined mansion in Worcestershire.

Witley Court, at Great Witley, near Stourport-on-Severn, has four weeks of 19th-century entertainment for youngsters. The fun begins with a Victorian playtime from August 4 to 8, with a focus on toys and games from the past. The Swords and Sabres week, August 11 to 15, gives children a chance to learn about the Victorian's surprising penchant for mar-

tial arts. From August 18 to 22, a Victorian schoolmaster puts the youngsters through their paces.

Youngsters are invited to meet minibeasts in Witley's gardens at the Ugly Bug Safari from August 25 to 29.

Witley Court was once the main residence of the Earl of Dudley but is a spectacular ruin following a fire in 1937.

The events take place between 11am and 5pm, and there will be an extra £1 on the entrance charge for each child taking part in activities. Admission is £7.10 adults, £4.30 children with a family ticket £18.50.

# Doctor Who's monsters and music at the NIA

OUT of this world orchestral extravaganza The Doctor Who Symphonic Spectacular is coming to the Birmingham NIA next year.

The live show, which was a sell-out on its world premiere in Australia, will have a limited run of 12 UK performances including one in the city on May 26. It features more than 100 performers and is conducted by Ben Foster, who conducts and orchestrates the musical scores for the TV series.

Music will be performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and members of the BBC National Chorus of Wales.

The show features a host of the Doctor's famous adversaries including the iconic Daleks and Cybermen, the spine-chilling Silence and many more fan favourites.

The monsters provide a dramatic contrast to the evocative music written by Murray Gold, who has composed music for the series over the last eight years. Fans will discover the identity of the guest presenter in early 2015.

Tickets for the NIA date, from £20 to £47.50, go on general sale at 9am tomorrow from www.theticketfactory.com or 0844 338 8000.

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## Oh Boy, George back in the club

BOY George will be re-visiting Karma Chameleon when he gets back together with his 1980s chart-toppers Culture Club to headline Birmingham's NIA with a festive gig alongside fellow 80s star Alison Moyet.

Culture Club were one of the biggest bands of their era, selling in excess of 100 million singles and over 50 million albums.

The original line-up has reformed and will play the NIA on December 12 – the first time they've played live together in over 15 years.

Former Yazoo singer Moyet has been solo since 1984's Alf and in recent years has successfully relaunched her career, winning acclaim for her latest album The Minutes.

## All that jazz ahead at Arena theatre

A WOLVERHAMPTON theatre will be hosting its second jazz season this autumn.

The season begins at the Arena in Wulfruna Street on October 11, with June Tabor, who is more famous as a folk singer, joining forces with the Quercus trio and Iain Ballamy for a concert.

Then on November 15 the theatre will be hosting Anglo-Scandinavian trio Phronesis, who will be performing from their highly rated album Life to Everything.

Indo-jazz clarinettist Arun Ghosh comes to the Arena with his six-piece band on December 4 to perform his South Asian Suite.

# Very tasty selection of pop star names at the V Festival

## A quality line-up at Glee Club

A BIRMINGHAM venue that brings the best singer/songwriters to the region has unveiled its autumn programme.

The Glee Club, in The Arcadian Centre in Chinatown, will feature the best of acoustic and electric roots music.

The programme starts on September 15 with a show from Welsh wonder and former Super Furry Animals frontman Gruff Rhys, who will play songs from his new American Interior album. He will be followed on September 17 by Ani DiFranco, who is making a welcome return to the venue following a majestic show in 2011.

Other highlights include a show on September 23 by Irish singer/songwriter Sharon Corr, touring her second solo album The Same Sun, Mary Gauthier on October 1, Nerina Pallot on October 29 and founding Byrds member Roger McGuinn on November 2.



Glee date – Sharon Corr

Photograph by Barry McCall

## THE Midlands' biggest music festival, V, is scheduled for 16 and 17 August at Weston Park, on the Staffordshire and Shropshire border.

It will feature a galaxy of star names across four stages, as well as big names in comedy, such as Alan Carr, Adam Hills, Paul Chowdhry and Rob Beckett.

The Saturday night line-up at Weston Park will feature Main Stage acts The Killers from Las Vegas, Paolo Nutini who is back in the big time with his hit album Caustic Love, and controversial songstress Lily Allen.

Completing the line up on the Main Stage will be Rudimental, Train, Newton Faulkner, M People and 80s disco sensations Chic featuring Nile Rogers.

The MTV Stage will include Axwell A Ingrosso, Tinie Tempah, Jason Derulo, Rizzle Kicks, Katy B, Childish Gambino, Aloe Blacc and Sheppard.

One of that venue's biggest crowds is bound to be for new UK soul star Sam Smith whilst Midlands rock fans of a certain vintage will be flocking to see Miles Hunt lead a revived The Wonder Stuff.

## Futures

The Arena Stage will include a DJ set from Chase and Status as well as performances from Sub Focus, Rita Ora, Ceelo Green, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott, Nina Nesbitt, Ella Eyre, Jess Blynn and Neon Jungle.

Meanwhile, the Futures Stage will welcome the best of new talents, as well as returning favourites, including Embrace, Howling Bells, Vance Joy, The Magic Numbers, Bewley's Becky Hill, Chloe Howl and James Bay.

The festival on the Sunday will feature US superstar headliner Justin Timberlake being joined by Ed Sheeran, Example, Bastille, Kaiser Chiefs, Tom Odell, Kodaline and punk veterans The Stranglers.

The MTV Stage will be headlined by the mighty Elbow and could eclipse the other stages with a line-up that includes festival veterans the Manic Street Preachers, a Blondie re-energised by success at Glastonbury, Miles Kane, The Wailers, John New-



Justin Timberlake will headline V on Sunday

man, Pixie Lott, rising star George Ezra, Starsailor and The Rifles.

The Arena Stage line-up comprises Alesso, Above and Beyond, the highly-rated Janelle Monae, 80s veterans The Human League, ballroom dancing pop star Sophie Ellis-Bextor, James Arthur, Foxes, Kiesza, All Saints and Fuse ODG.

Sunday's Futures Stage line-up will feature Alex Clare, Birdy, Hoodie Allen, The Strypes, Icona Pop, Josh Record, Neon Trees, To Kill a King and Dan Croll.

Day tickets are £89 with £8.90 booking fee, weekend tickets with no camping start at £165 (plus £10.15), with camping £189 (plus £10.95). See [www.vfestival.com](http://www.vfestival.com)

## No substitute for rock legends

ROCK legends The Who celebrate 50 years at Birmingham's NIA on December 7 and do not plan to tour again after 2015.

The band, featuring surviving original members singer Roger Daltrey and guitarist Pete Townsend, will return to the city for a celebration of a career during which they have sold more than 100 million albums.

Formed during the London Mod boom of 1964 with a lineup including bassist John Entwistle and drummer Keith Moon, they achieved success with hits like My Generation, I Can't Explain and Substitute.

Their albums Tommy, Live At Leeds and 1973's Quadrophenia elevated the band to iconic status.

## Scottish comedy invasion at MAC

COMEDIAN Danny Bhoy will be appearing in Birmingham as part of his UK tour. The Scottish-Indian funnyman, will be coming to Edgbaston on September 26 – just over a week after the Scottish vote on independence. The comic will bring his Please Un-tick This Box tour to Midland Arts Centre in Cannon Hill Park.

Other comics coming to the MAC include fellow Scots Hardeep Singh Kohli with Hardeep Is Your Love on September 19 and Susan Calman with her Lady Like show on October 5.

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BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 9.30 Commonwealth Games. 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Commonwealth Games. Further live coverage on the penultimate day of the Games. 3.00 Commonwealth Games. Continued coverage from Glasgow. 5.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.40 Commonwealth Games. Further coverage on day 10 of the Games.

**7.00 Commonwealth Games.** Hazel Irvine and Gary Lineker introduce live coverage of the concluding athletics session of the Games, staged at Hampden Park in Glasgow. Nine finals will take place this evening, and there is no doubt that Usain Bolt will be the star attraction, as he competes for Jamaica in the men's 4x100m relay. Somewhat surprisingly, Bolt has never won a Commonwealth Games medal, but he will expect to put that right with his world record-holding team and add gold to his outstanding collection, which includes six Olympic and eight world championship triumphs. The schedule also features the finals of the men's 4x400m relay, 1500m, triple jump and javelin, and the women's 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay, 5,000m and pole vault. Plus, updates from the final of the men's 10m platform discipline at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh, which is expected to feature Tom Daley.

**10.00 BBC News; Weather.**

**10.20 The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin reveals the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

**10.30 Tonight at the Games.** Mark Chapman and Clare Balding present a round-up of the 10th and penultimate day's action at the Commonwealth Games, which featured the concluding athletics and diving.

**11.40 Commonwealth Games Sportsday.** Katherine Downes presents a round-up of the 10th day's events in Glasgow, focusing on the medal winners as the 20th staging of the Games continued; National Lottery Update.

**11.55 Film: The Rookie.** (2002) Fact-based drama about a former baseball player who returns to the big time while coaching a high-school team. Starring Dennis Quaid and Jay Hernandez.

**2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.** 2.05 BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00 Film: A Date with the Falcon.** (1942) 7.00 Film: The Falcon Strikes Back. (1943) 8.05 The Living Planet. (R) 9.00 Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) 9.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) 11.30 Food & Drink. (R) 12.00 Rick Stein's India. (R) 1.00 Robert Redford: Talking Pictures. 1.40 Film: The Way We Were. (1973) 3.35 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.20 Beavers Behaving Badly - Natural World. (R) 5.20 Commonwealth Games. 5.40 Flog It!

**6.10 Great War Diaries.** New series. Documentary using dramatic reconstructions to tell the story of the First World War based on the letters and journals of those who lived through the conflict.

**7.10 Pembrokeshire: Coastal Lives.** Ghost hunters try to find out if Angle's Chapel Bay Fort contains more than just a collection of weapons and Nat James marries her fiancé at St Davids Cathedral. Last in the series.

**7.40 Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring has too much to drink during a weekend course with Captain Square, but still manages to save Jones's life. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

**8.15 Proms Extra 2014.** Featuring reviews of the Zurich Chamber Orchestra's performance of Bach's St John Passion and the Proms debut of the China Philharmonic Orchestra. Presented by Katie Derham.

**9.00 Melvyn Bragg's Radical Lives.** Part one of two. The broadcaster examines the lives of two revolutionary thinkers, beginning with 14th-century priest John Ball, who was instrumental in the Peasants' Revolt.

**10.00 Commonwealth Games.** Further coverage on day 10 of the Games, which are being staged in Glasgow, with events taking place across the city.

**10.30 QI XL.** Extended edition. Sue Perkins, Reginald D Hunter and Jimmy Carr join Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of questions of the topic of kitsch.

**11.15 Film: Apocalypse.** (2006) A Mayan tribesman captured to be used as a human sacrifice escapes into the jungle in a bid to save his family. Historical adventure, starring Rudy Youngblood.

**1.20 Film: The Odd Angry Shot.** (1979) 2.50 This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00 CITY: Pat & Stan.** 6.10 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Canimals. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.20 Digimon Fusion. (R) 7.30 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 8.00 Adventure Time. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 The Hungry Sailors. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20 ITV News; Weather. 11.30 Storage Hoarders. (R) 12.30 All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) 1.30 Peter Andre's Train Robbery. (1966) 2.25 Catchphrase. (R) 3.10 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery. (1966) Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. 5.00 Film: Valiant. (2005) Computer-animated adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor.

**6.35 Regional Programme;** Weather.

**6.45 ITV News; Weather.**

**7.00 You've Been Framed!** Surreal comedy from the mind of Harry Hill. (R)

**7.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Jim Moir - better known as Vic Reeves, one half of comedy double act Reeves and Mortimer - Dallas star Charlene Tilton (who played Lucy Ewing) and actress-singer Martine McCutcheon take turns on the arcade-style token-pushing machine. Dropping counters down a choice of four chutes, the celebrity contestants hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf - and the more they collect, the better their chances of scooping the £20,000 prize for a charity of their choice. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard.

**8.30 All Star Family Fortunes.** Vernon Kay hosts the game show in which well-known faces team up with their relatives to win a cash prize for charity. (R)

**9.30 Film: Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith.** (2005) Troubled Anakin Skywalker finds himself seduced by the dark side of the Force and is tempted into betraying his fellow Jedi Knights as conflict erupts across countless planets and the forces of evil prepare to seize control of the galaxy. The final instalment of the sci-fi prequel trilogy, with Hayden Christensen. Continues after the News.

**11.05 ITV News; Weather.**

**11.25 Film: Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith.** (2005) Concluded.

**12.35 Jackpot247.** 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 The Hoobs.** (R) 6.40 The Grid. 7.05 Trans World Sport. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.55 The Simpsons. (R) 12.25 Speed with Guy Martin. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of the fifth day of the Glorious Goodwood festival. 4.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.45 Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.15 Come Dine with Me.** Alternative therapist Gill Bright hosts the final dinner party in Swindon and has plans for an Edwardian-themed evening with sophisticated food and circle dancing. (R)

**6.45 Channel 4 News.**

**7.05 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year.** George Clarke continues the search to find Britain's best shed, focusing on the Summerhouse/ Cabin and Normal categories. He and his fellow judges visit a Gothic grotto decorated with 50,000 seashells, a replica 18th-century US frontier cabin, a scaled-down Elizabethan lodge, a disco shed, a 1970s amusement arcade - complete with a 12ft-high Ferris wheel - a 1950s American diner and a museum dedicated to TV comedy Dad's Army. (R)

**8.00 Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows the progress of architectural designer Lincoln Miles and his wife, artist Lisa Traxler, who want to create their own home on the Isle of Wight. They have bought a property on a prime piece of land and set out to convert it into a creative structure that harmonises with the unspoilt woodland setting. (R)

**9.00 Film: The Inbetweeners Movie.** (2011) Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil plan a holiday to the Greek island of Crete after they finish their exams, hoping to experience drink, sex and debauchery beyond their wildest dreams. However, things do not quite work out as planned. Comedy based on the TV series, with Joe Thomas.

**11.05 Film: Scary Movie.** (2000) Spoof horror, starring Anna Faris and Shannon Elizabeth.

**12.50 The Last Leg.** (R) 1.30 Utopia. (R) 2.25 Film: Mother. (2009) 4.30 Hollyoaks.

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** 10.00 Access. 10.05 Emergency Bikers. (R) 11.00 Emergency Bikers. (R) 12.00 Emergency Bikers. (R) 1.00 Film: Rocky III. (1982) Boxing drama, starring Sylvester Stallone. 2.55 Film: Every Which Way But Loose. (1978) Action comedy, starring Clint Eastwood. 5.10 Film: Where Eagles Dare. (1969) Second World War adventure, with Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood.

**7.55 5 News Weekend.**

**8.00 Blinging Up Baby.** Documentary examining the growing trend for parents to kit out their toddlers in glamorous outfits, from crystal-covered dummies and frills to hairpieces, make-up and spray tans. In Essex, Sophie-May Dickson has dressed her two daughters like Barbie dolls since they were born, and talks about the criticism it has attracted both online and in the street. Birkenhead shop owner Marie Fullerton has been making bespoke children's clothing for 25 years, and reveals a recent upsurge in trade with people bringing in potties, prams and bathtubs to be "blinged up". Jayne Ashbourne narrates. (R)

**9.00 Big Brother.** Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants, who share their diary-room thoughts on their recently departed friend - or enemy. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

**10.00 Autopsy: The Last Hours of Karen Carpenter.** Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of the singer in February 1983, uncovering stories of bulimia, heart problems, sedatives, massive weight loss and force-feeding. (R)

**11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Ryan Clark and Iain Lee present analysis of the housemates' behaviour.

**12.00 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.10 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. Cathy Hyde helps police break up a suspected puppy-trafficking ring. (R) 4.00 Great Scientists. A profile of Albert Einstein. Last in the series. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**

10.00 Russell Howard's Good News

11.00 Family Guy 1.15 American Dad!

2.00 People Just Do Nothing 2.30 Him & Her: The Wedding 4.00 Close

**BBC Four**

7.00 Human Planet 8.00 Treasures of Ancient Egypt 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.35 Dolly Parton @ Glastonbury 2014 11.45 Dolly Parton: Platinum Blonde 12.45 Queens of Country 1.45 Human Planet 2.45 Treasures of Ancient Egypt 3.45 Close

**ITV2**

11.45 Take Me Out 12.40 Dinner Date: Australia 1.35 The Only Way Is Essex 3.05 Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) 5.00 Totally You've Been Framed! 6.00 You've Been Framed! Funniest 100 7.00 Film: About a Boy (2002) 9.00 Film: Friends with Kids (2011) 11.15 Film: Saw II (2005) 1.05 The Magul Weekend 2.00 Crazy Beaches 2.20 Life's Funniest Moments 2.45 The Vamp: The Hot Desk 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**

12.40 Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor 2.55 A Touch of Frost 7.00 (2002) 9.00 Film: Friends with Kids (2011) 11.15 Film: Saw II (2005) 1.05 The Magul Weekend 2.00 Crazy Beaches 2.20 Life's Funniest Moments 2.45 The Vamp: The Hot Desk 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV4**

11.50 Storage Wars Unlocked 12.50 Storage Wars 2.45 Film: The War Wagon (1967) 4.50 Hornblower 9.00 Film: Goldfinger (1964) 11.20 Film: Death Wish V: The Face of Death (1994) 1.15 Gareth Thomas: Sports Life Stories 2.15 Tommy Cooper 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping 3.30 The Store 4.30 Teleshopping

**E4**

11.30 2 Broke Girls 12.30 How I Met Your Mother 1.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.30 The Big Bang Theory 4.30 Melissa & Joey 5.30 How I Met Your Mother 6.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 The 100 9.00 Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) 11.45 The Big Bang Theory 12.45 Virtually Famous 1.35 How I Met Your Mother 3.15 Rules of Engagement 4.00 Being Erica 4.45 Desperate Housewives

**Film4**

11.00 Fantastic Voyage (1966) 1.00 Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) 3.20 Charlotte's Web (2006) 5.10 City of Ember (2008) 7.00 Mad Money (2008) 9.00 Limitless (2011) 11.05 Your Highness (2011) 1.10 The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) 3.15 Close

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## CHOICE



Gary Lineker

**Commonwealth Games: Closing Ceremony (BBC1, 9pm)**  
Gary Lineker, Clare Balding and Hazel Irvine present live coverage from Hampden Park in Glasgow, as the 20th Commonwealth Games are officially brought to a close after 11 days of competition. The ceremony promises to celebrate Scotland's way of life and gives the athletes the chance to unwind after a hectic schedule, with the baton handed over to Gold Coast City, host of the 2018 Games. The Games have been the largest multi-sport event ever held in Scotland, featuring 17 sports and competitors from 71 nations, and they will all have a chance to enjoy their moment in the spotlight this evening. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast:** 7.45 Commonwealth Games. 11.45 BBC News; Weather. 11.55 Commonwealth Games. 5.35 Seven Wonders of the Commonwealth. 6.35 BBC News; Regional News. 7.00 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker joins foragers scouring the coast of Cornwall for free food, trying his hand at freeing to get hold of spider cake. Anita Rani joins the team, helping to catch 26,000 tons of rock in a Chinese china clay quarry said to be the biggest in the world, and Helen Skelton sees a tribute to the Heligan gardeners who fought in France during the First World War. Tom Heap investigates Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's plans to bring back garden cities, asking whether it could have a detrimental effect on the countryside, and Adam Henson is excited to receive the keys to a new combine harvester, including Weather for the Week Ahead. 8.00 **Commonwealth Games.** A look back at the Glasgow Games, which took place over 11 days and were the 20th staging of the event. 9.00 **Commonwealth Games: Closing Ceremony.** Gary Lineker, Clare Balding and Hazel Irvine present live coverage from Hampden Park in Glasgow, as the 20th Commonwealth Games are officially brought to a close after 11 days of competition. The ceremony promises to celebrate Scotland's way of life and gives the athletes the chance to unwind after a hectic schedule, with the baton handed over to Gold Coast City, host of the 2018 Games. The Games have been the largest multi-sport event ever held in Scotland, featuring 17 sports and competitors from 71 nations, and they will all have a chance to enjoy their moment in the spotlight this evening. Subsequent programmes subject to change. 11.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 11.25 **Kevin Bridges Live at the Commonwealth.** The comic hosts an evening of comedy from Glasgow's Theatre Royal, with Canada's Katherine Ryan, South Africa's Trevor Noah, England's Simon Evans and Danny Bhoy from Scotland. (R) 12.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.10 BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.25 Film:** Sinbad the Sailor. (1947) 8.20 Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets. (R) 8.20 Gardeners' World. (R) 9.50 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.50 Rick Stein's India. (R) 12.50 **Film:** The Philadelphia Story. (1940) Romantic comedy, starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. 2.40 **Film:** Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. (1967) Comedy drama, starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. 4.25 Songs of Praise. 5.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 **Flog It!** Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey head for Monmouth, where they discover a small Austrian bronze and an art-deco bracelet. Meanwhile, Paul Martin examines the work of fashion designer Laura Ashley, and visits the Forest of Dean to meet a local man creating works of art with a chainsaw. (R) 7.00 **Tropic of Capricorn.** Simon Reeve uncovers extraordinary stories and experiences the diverse collection of cultures located in the southern tropics. The first leg of his journey sees the globe-trotting presenter cross the sweeping vistas of Namibia and Botswana, where he witnesses the vestiges of German colonisation in Swakopmund and searches for the Bushmen of the Kalahari desert. (R) 8.00 **Dragons' Den.** Two university friends pitch home-brew cider kits, a loose leaf tea company serves up a refreshing treat and a former economics student hopes to impress with his nutty preserve. 9.00 **The Thirteenth Tale.** Biographer Margaret Lea (Olivia Colman) is summoned to the home of reclusive and terminally ill novelist Vida Winter (Vanessa Redgrave) to document the author's life. Vida reveals the secrets of her dark and unsettling childhood at ancestral home Angelfield, forcing Margaret to face up to the tragedy she herself suffered as a young girl. Psychological mystery, with Robert Pugh. (R) 10.30 **Film: Winter's Bone.** (2010) A teenage girl searches for her estranged father, whose bail-jumping threatens to leave her mother and siblings homeless. Drama, with Jennifer Lawrence. 12.05 Sign Zone: The Battle for Stonehenge: A Culture Show Special. (R) 1.05 Holby City. (R) 2.05 This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00 CITY:** Pat & Stan. 6.10 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.25 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dinosaurs. (R) 6.50 Dinosaurs. (R) 7.00 Sooty. (R) 7.20 Digimon Fusion. (R) 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.55 Chowder. (R) 8.10 Chowder. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20 **ITV News:** Weather. 11.35 River Monsters. (R) 12.05 Love Your Garden. (R) 1.05 Long Lost Family. (R) 2.10 **Film:** Columbo: The Bye-Bye Sky-High IQ Murder Case. (1977) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.50 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.50 Tipping Point. (R) 6.45 **Regional Programme:** Weather. 7.00 **ITV News:** Weather. 7.15 **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000. (R) 8.00 **Foyle's War.** The detective is drawn into the strange murder of eminent art historian Professor Van Haren, who was really a former high-ranking Nazi hired by MI5 due to his expert knowledge of Soviet intelligence. Meanwhile, as Sam's husband Adam embarks on a busy career as an MP, she worries whether she will be able to share some big news with him. Crime drama set in the 1940s, starring Michael Kitchen and Honeyusuckle Weeks, with Tamzin Outhwaite and Rupert Vansittart. Last in the series. (R) 10.00 **ITV News:** Weather. 10.15 **Brothers in Arms: The Pals Army of World War One.** Drawing on archive interviews, this documentary tells the story of the young British men who signed up for the Army with their friends and fought together in the First World War. 11.15 **Premiership Rugby 7s Series.** Gethin Jones presents highlights from the opening group stage, as 16 clubs aimed to progress to Friday's night night at the Stoop. 12.15 The Store. Home shopping. 2.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.45 **ITV Nightscreen.** 4.15 Britain's Best Bakery. (R) 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.35 Ironman UK Bolton.** 7.05 British F3. 7.30 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.55 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.35 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 1.40 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.10 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.35 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 3.00 The Simpsons. (R) 3.35 **Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) Premiere, Drama, starring Briana Evigan. 5.35 Deal or No Deal. 6.30 **Channel 4 News.** 7.00 **Tom's Fantastic Floating Home.** Tom Lawton continues his ambitious project to transform a derelict boat into a home filled with practical inventions for everyday life, focusing his fertile imagination on the way people cook and eat in this second edition. Taking inspiration from fellow inventors and feats of engineering, he designs some space-saving pop-up furniture, an indoor-outdoor barbecue to combat the variable British weather and an aquabike that can be used on both land and water. But will he manage to stay afloat? 8.00 **The Mill.** As the Chartist rally at Kersal Moor approaches, Daniel does his best to inspire the workers despite a lacklustre response. Esther deals with Patience and her escalating abuse of young girls in the apprentice house, while Miriam grows closer to Peter when she offers to teach him to read – causing a stir in the pub. Susannah becomes increasingly bored and frustrated with domestic life. 9.00 **Child Genius.** The stakes are high in the penultimate stage of the competition as the 10 remaining contestants vie for six places in the final. They face two challenging rounds: spelling, featuring some of the most difficult words in the English language, and general knowledge, testing them on a vast range of topics, from geography to astronomy. 10.00 **Film: The Women.** (2008) Comedy drama remake, starring Meg Ryan and Annette Bening. 12.20 **Film:** Somewhere. (2010) 2.00 The Million Pound Drop. (R) 2.55 The Hoarder Next Door. (R) 3.50 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 4.45 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) 4.55 Deal or No Deal. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Abby Cadabby's Flying Fairy School. (R) 6.25 Bubble Guppies. (R) 6.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.20 Olly the Little White Van. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.50 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.30 Mio Mao. (R) 8.40 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 10.00 Access. (R) 10.05 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.00 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.00 Police Interceptors. (R) 2.00 **Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach. (1988) Comedy sequel, starring Bubba Smith. 3.45 **Film:** Are We There Yet? (2005) Family comedy, starring Ice Cube. 5.35 **Film:** Hercules. (1997) 7.15 **5 News Weekend.** 7.20 **Film: Little Nicky.** (2000) The Devil decides to put off retirement for a little longer, but his two oldest sons are left fuming – and decide to get revenge by creating Hell on Earth. The job of saving the world falls to their good-natured younger brother, who travels to New York to put things right. Comedy, starring Adam Sandler, Patricia Arquette, Harvey Keitel, Rhys Ifans, Reese Witherspoon and Rodney Dangerfield. Edited to reduce sexual content, language, violence and flashing images. 9.00 **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights as the remaining housemates enter their final fortnight, revealing whether they have got over the tension and paranoia of the earlier weeks. 10.00 **Film: The Losers.** (2010) Elite soldiers are betrayed and left for dead by their CIA employers, but return to seek revenge. Action adventure, starring Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Chris Evans. 11.50 **Car Thieves & Thugs: Caught on Camera.** Nick Wallis discovers how CCTV and technological advances are helping to tackle criminals exhibiting a complete disregard for the safety of others while at the wheel of a vehicle. (R) 12.50 SuperCasino. 3.15 Police Interceptors. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
7.00 Top Gear 8.05 **Film:** Meet the Fockers (2004) 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 People Just Do Nothing 11.45 Family Guy 12.30 Russell Howard's Good News 1.30 People Just Do Nothing 2.30 Some Girls 3.30 Russell Howard's Good News 4.00 Close  
**BBC Four**  
7.00 The Sunday Prom: Richard Strauss Celebration 9.05 Genghis Khan 10.05 Mad Dog: Gaddafi's Secret World – Storyville 11.30 Boycotts and Broken Dreams – The Story of the 1988 Commonwealth Games 12.30 Elvis: That's All Right 60 Years On 1.30 Kings of Rock 'n' Roll 2.30 Rock 'n' Roll Britannia 3.30 Sounds of the 70s  
**ITV2**  
12.05 America's Got Talent 2.45 **Film:** Small Soldiers (1998) 4.55 **Film:** Scooby-Doo (2002) 6.45 **Film:** Back to the Future (1985) 9.00 **Film:** The Holiday (2006) 11.45 **Film:** Billy Madison (1995) 1.35 The Big Reunion 2014 2.25 Life's Funniest Moments 2.50 Teleshopping  
**ITV3**  
11.35 Inspector Morse 1.50 A Touch of Frost 4.05 **Film:** Mufin on the Buses (1972) 5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs 9.00 **Film:** The American President (1995) 11.20 Wycliffe 12.30 William and Mary 1.25 Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor  
**ITV4**  
11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. 6.00 Goodwood Festival of Speed 2014 7.00 Goodwood: Cars of the Future 8.00 Premiership Rugby 7s Series 9.00 **Film:** Two Mules for Sister Sara (1970) 11.20 Hell on Wheels 12.20 **Film:** Barb Wire (1996) 2.15 Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club 3.00 Teleshopping 3.30 The Store  
**E4**  
12.30 Melissa & Joey 1.25 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.25 Suburgatory 2.55 The Mindy Project 3.25 New Girl 3.55 The Big Bang Theory 4.55 The 100 6.00 Rude (ish) Tube 6.50 **Film:** Dear John (2010) 9.00 The Inbetweeners Go Global 10.00 The Inbetweeners: Viewers' Top 5 12.50 The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments 1.50 The Big Bang Theory 2.40 Virtually Famous 3.25 Hollywood  
**Film4**  
11.00 The Three Worlds of Gulliver (1960) 1.00 Bride Wars (2009) 2.45 Jungle 2 Jungle (1997) 4.50 Rat Race (2001) 7.05 Sister Act (1992) 9.00 Friends with Benefits (2011) 11.10 Boomerang (1992) 1.25 Ashes of Time (1994) 3.20 Close

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**MONDAY**  
**Murder Without Conviction, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A former nun becomes fascinated with the case of twins who apparently murdered their mother when she learns one of the brothers is being held in the same care home as her mentally handicapped cousin. Her encounters with the supposed killer leave her convinced of his innocence, and she resolves to uncover the truth behind the crime. Mystery, starring Megan Ward. (2004)

**TUESDAY**  
**The Girl He Met Online, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A woman suffers dangerous mood swings and a fierce temper that have ruined all her past relationships. When she meets a new man, she resolves to keep her dark side in check, but as she comes under pressure from her boss and mother, she begins to lose control, with fatal consequences. Thriller, with Yvonne Zima. (2014)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**The Man Without a Face, BBC1, 11.35pm**  
A reclusive and disfigured former teacher meets a lonely teenager, who hires his services as a tutor to get the grades he needs to enrol at the same military school as his father. In time they form a bond, learning to support each other through life's ups and downs – but the schoolteacher's troubled past is about to catch up with him. Drama, directed by and starring Mel Gibson. With Nick Stahl and Margaret Whitton. (1993)



Duplicity, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

**THURSDAY**  
**Thrust the Man, BBC1, 11.35pm**  
Two Manhattan-based couples hit a rocky patch in their relationships. Husband and wife Tom and Rebecca look to therapy and counselling to try to save their ailing marriage, while Tobey and Elaine decide to go their separate ways after seven difficult years together. Comedy drama, with David Duchovny. (2005)

**FRIDAY**  
**Duplicity, ITV, 10.40pm**  
A former CIA agent and an ex-MI6 officer find their romantic past catching up with them as they go head to head working in counter-intelligence for multinational corporations. As they try to outmanoeuvre each other to gain information about a lucrative product, they have difficulty maintaining a professional focus amid the sexual tension. Thriller, starring Julia Roberts, Clive Owen, Tom Wilkinson and Paul Giamatti. (2009)

# Baby blues begin to kick in for a terrified Rosie

As the success of Call the Midwife and One Born Every Minute proved, pregnancy makes for great TV. But why are we all so fascinated by childbirth?

Writer Kay Mellor, the woman who gave us acclaimed drama series Band of Gold and The Syndicate, has her own theories. She says: "It's a life-changing situation, no matter who you are; whether you're a schoolgirl living in a high-rise council flat or a 46-year-old rich business woman – your life will never be the same again."

"The fact is there are very few 'lessons' on how to give birth and be a parent. We study for three or four years for a degree and yet we're supposed to know instinctively how to give birth and be a good parent – arguably one of the most important roles we'll ever have in life. The truth is young or old, we're all terrified of it – male and female alike."

So, it's no surprise to learn that Kay has been planning to write a series about pregnancies since at least 2000. "I had the idea round about the same time I had the idea for Fat Friends but there was more of an appetite for Fat Friends at the time

and so In the Club was put on the back burner."

But now the series' due date has finally arrived. In the Club follows six mums-to-be who are all attending the same parenting class, including midwife Vicky (Christine Bottomley), businesswoman Roanna (Hermione Norris), newlywed Jasmin (Taj Atwal) and teaching assistant and blogger Kim (Katherine Parkinson).

All the women have their own issues to deal with, but the first episode focuses particularly on housewife Diane (Jill Halfpenny), who was told she and husband Rick (Will Mellor) would never conceive. In theory, they should be celebrating their 'miracle child', but when a scan reveals more than they bargained for, unemployed Rick feels under increased pressure to provide for his family.

Meanwhile, 15-year-old Rosie (Hannah Midgley) is trying to keep her pregnancy a secret from everyone, but that bump is getting ever harder to hide.

Kay had her first child at 16, and Rosie's story is particularly close to

her heart, as the young actress playing her discovered. Hannah (who soap fans may remember as the previous incarnation of Emmerdale's Victoria Sudgen), says: "She told me quite a bit within the first episode as it was nice for me to understand what a 15-year-old would go through when giving birth. She gave me lots of advice, which was really intriguing and intimate. It's so important for me to do it justice for her."

In fact, it seems the bonding process started at the audition. Hannah recalls: "I was really nervous as I saw something in Rosie that I could connect with and I understood her. I also really wanted my next break after leaving Emmerdale..."

"Kay said 'let's do this scene' and I was sobbing the whole way through. I got to the end of the scene and I looked up and Kay was streaming. I thought that even if I don't get the part, I can be proud of myself as it was a good audition."

And with five more emotional stories to tell, chances are she won't be the only one crying by the end of the series.



Hannah Midgley stars, In the Club, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

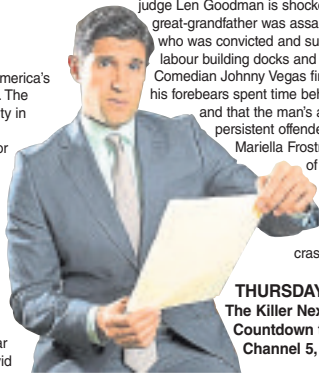
## BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**World War One Remembered from the Battlefield**  
**BBC2, 6.30pm**  
Huw Edwards in London and Sophie Raworth in Belgium introduce live coverage of a commemorative event marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Dan Snow hosts from St Symphorien military cemetery near Mons, where British, Commonwealth and German soldiers are buried side by side. Gareth Malone leads a children's choir singing their own specially written song, and actor Eddie Redmayne and serving British and German soldiers read poems and testimonies. There is also a recording of a collaboration between the London Symphony Orchestra and the Berlin Philharmonic under the baton of conductor Simon Rattle, performing the last movement of Brahms's German Requiem and Butterworth's A Shropshire Lad.

**Long Lost Family**  
**ITV, 9pm**  
Inge Dart, 66, grew up in Kenya in the dying days of the British Empire, overshadowed by her domineering mother. After becoming pregnant at the age of 19, she was sent halfway around the world to give birth in secret. Banished to Surrey, she was taken in by a couple who looked after her

until her daughter was born. Inge's childhood sweetheart Jeremy soon visited and the young lovers spent what little time they had with their baby. Long Lost Family takes on Inge's search for her child and, in a first for the programme, her daughter's own search for her father Jeremy. Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell present.

**TUESDAY**  
**Kids Behind Bars**  
**ITV, 9pm**  
Documentary meeting some of America's most dangerous young offenders. The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility in Indiana is home to 40 teenagers serving terms of up to 65 years for a range of serious crimes. This programme follows those spending their first night in the maximum-security prison and others preparing to move up to adult jail. They include Blake Layman, 17, sentenced to 55 years for murder, and Ireland MacKean, 16, who says he wants to stay out of trouble behind bars as he starts a 10-year term for robbery. Narrated by David Morrissey.



Walter, Friday, BBC1, 9pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Secrets from the Clink**  
**ITV, 9pm**  
The first of a two-part programme in which celebrities embark on an emotional journey to discover how their ancestors coped with serving time in Victorian prisons. Strictly Come Dancing judge Len Goodman is shocked to learn his great-great-grandfather was assaulted by his own son, who was convicted and subjected to hard labour building docks and quarrying for stone. Comedian Johnny Vegas finds out how one of his forebears spent time behind bars for stealing, and that the man's alcoholic wife was a persistent offender. Broadcaster Mariella Frostrup hears the story of her great-great-grandfather, an entrepreneur who resorted to fraud when the economy crashed in the 1870s.

**THURSDAY**  
**The Killer Next Door: Countdown to Murder**  
**Channel 5, 8pm**  
It was Christmastime

2010, and landscape architect Joanna Yeates' family were getting extremely worried about her. The 25-year-old hadn't been seen for days, but it was on Christmas Day – eight days after she was killed – that Joanna's body was discovered. The second series of this at times hard-hitting programme begins with a dramatic reconstruction of the moments leading up to Joanna's death, and explains how she originally moved to Bristol for work in 2008 – her boyfriend Greg Reardon worked for the same company. In October 2010, they moved to a new flat, acquiring new neighbour – quiet Dutch engineer Vincent Tabak – but he would go on to murder Joanna two months later.

**FRIDAY**  
**Walter**  
**BBC1, 9pm**  
One-off comedy drama, starring Adrian Dunbar as world-weary detective inspector Walter Gambon, whose workload increases when he is handed the cases of an officer who recently committed suicide – and ends up trying to track down yet another fellow officer who has gone so far undercover, nobody knows where he is. Helping Gambon is young, slightly clumsy and more than a little bit stupid detective constable Anne Hopkins – and together they track down the cop in question to a hardened drugs gang.

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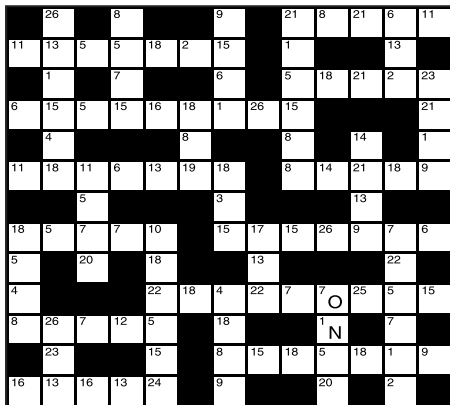
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	N	2	P	3	X	4	A	5	F	6	Q	7	U	8	Y	9	O	10	M	11	T	12	R	13	D
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

**6 & 7Ac.** The sort of tax from which London benefits? (7,5)

**7.** See 6 Across

**9.** See 19 Across

**10.** Didn't take a straight course to the sea (9)

**12.** Mixes drinks for second-hand markets (6-5)

**15.** Being fair, they don't say anything! (4,7)

**17.** Temporary accommodation for campanologists? (4-5)

**19 & 9Ac.** A Royal Marine permitted to show a badge (6)

**21.** A piece of music (low notes) required for the tumbler (5)

**22.** Produce a score to put somebody at ease (7)

#### Down

**1.** Arrived with nothing but a kind of brooch (5)

**2.** Mine is upset by this dump (3)

**3.** A stone horse of little use (4)

**4.** He dictates what the rates will be (4-5)

**5.** Shockingly enraged (7)

**8.** Restrict enemy movements on a rotational basis, we hear (6)

**11.** Frilly pieces underneath with animal skins all round (9)

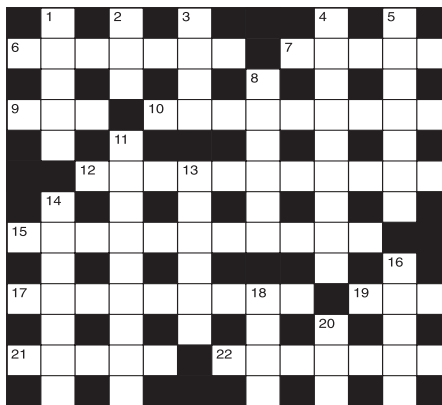
**13.** When this projectile gets in, it's news (6)

**14.** Panacea for a learner in cruel confusion (4-3)

**16.** Right in the money, but this indicates bankruptcy (5)

**18.** Use the horn as well near the end of the street (4)

**20.** South Pennsylvania provides a treatment centre (3)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

**6.** Obstruction (7)

**7.** Vex (5)

**9.** Attempt (3)

**10.** Stakes (9)

**12.** Compensation (11)

**15.** Understaffed (5-6)

**17.** Society (9)

**19.** Passage (3)

**21.** Representative (5)

**22.** Unresisting (7)

#### Down

**1.** Ward off (5)

**2.** Thirsty (3)

**3.** Sharp (4)

**4.** Not wanted (9)

**5.** Satisfied (7)

**8.** Keep (6)

**11.** Harm (9)

**13.** Near (2,4)

**14.** By means of (7)

**16.** Forgo (5)

**18.** Salver (4)

**20.** Request (3)

## Sudoku

			1				5	9
	8	1			5			2
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	9	5	6	7	3	1	8	2
6	1	7	8	5	2	3	4	9
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8	5	9	7	4	3	2	1	6
7	2	1	3	9	5	6	4	8
3	4	6	1	2	8	7	9	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Blotting paper; 8 Dominant; 9 Bomb; 10 Papers; 12 Torrid; 14 Detail; 16 Deigns; 18 Rood; 20 Tolerate; 22 Electric razor. Down: 1 Allocate; 2 Strike; 3 Lima; 4 Agitated; 5 Camber; 6 Seam; 11 Solitary; 13 Ignition; 15 Addict; 17 Inroad; 19 Oils; 21 Lock. QUICK - Across: 7 Overstatement; 8 Pretence; 9 Need; 10 Tureen; 12 Gossip; 14 Hectic; 16 Hustle; 18 Face; 20 Nonsense; 22 Contemplation. Down: 1 Overture; 2 Writhe; 3 Stun; 4 Strength; 5 Amends; 6 Once; 11 Nickname; 13 Illusion; 15 Treaty; 17 Sheath; 19 Atom; 21 Null.

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# Extended family house has four large bedrooms



**AN extended detached home in Long Lane, Halesowen, has a refitted bathroom.**

Having four bedrooms and a box room it is for sale through Humberstones Homes at £299,950. It has an entrance hall with under-stairs storage, a dining room with feature fire-place, a lounge with a feature fireplace and patio door to rear garden. The breakfast kitchen has wood effect units. There is also a utility room and a shower room. There are four bedrooms and a box room and bathroom with a white suite including a shower cubicle and bath. Contact Humberstones Homes on 0121 678 7788 or visit [www.humberstoneshomes.co.uk](http://www.humberstoneshomes.co.uk)



# This spacious home is in a sought-after location



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It has an entrance porch, living room with a bay window and a fireplace, a conservatory, hallway with a storage cupboard, a dining room with a bay window, utility and a cloakroom. The kitchen is fitted with a range of wall and base units incorporating electric cooker with a gas hob.

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**CRADLEY HEATH, High Haden Road£825 pcm - Fees**  
A recently built detached house which is ideal for walks over Haden Hill Park. This beautiful property features 4 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs w.c., house bathroom with shower. Benefits include driveway parking, rear garden. This house will not last around long. EPC: TBC



**KINGSWINFORD, Blenheim Road£725 pcm - Fees**  
Located within the sought after 'Crestwood Park' development and the catchment area for Crestwood Secondary School. A superb modern semi-detached house, featuring 3 good size bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, welcoming reception hall, large attractive lounge through to a dining area, fitted kitchen, driveway and garage, front garden and a large rear garden. EPC: D



**CRADLEY HEATH, Best Street£695 pcm - Fees**  
A fully refurbished 4 bedroom semi detached house is now available in this popular area close to bus & train links and Cradley Heath Town Centre. This very large property comprises of a lounge/diner, kitchen, downstairs wc, 4 large bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway/car port, front and rear garden. Not to be missed! EPC: D



**ROWLEY REGIS, Fairbourne Avenue£675 pcm - Fees**  
Perfect for a family and close to the M5. A large Mucklow Style detached home which is available now, close to local shops and bus routes. Featuring 2 double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes and 1 large single bedroom, 2 good size lounges, large kitchen, downstairs wc, shower room, gas central heating, new windows, huge rear garden, driveway and garage. EPC: D



**HALESOWEN, Hunnington Crescent£650 pcm - Fees**  
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**HALESOWEN, Haden Arch Court£575 pcm - Fees**  
Contemporary living in Halesowen. This 1st floor spacious apartment above the archway, within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre and buses, the apartment features gas central heating, double glazing, open plan living room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower cubicle, allocated parking. EPC: B



**HALESOWEN, Instone Road£550 pcm - Fees**  
Newly refurbished 2 bedroom semi-detached house in a great location close to Halesowen Town Centre. Entrance hall, lounge with fireplace, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms (master with walk-in wardrobe), bathroom with shower. Driveway, lovely rear garden & side access. EPC: D



**NETHERTON, Purlin Wharf £525 pcm - Fees**  
A very presentable, unfurnished ground floor apartment on this popular development, ideally located for canal walks. This property features 2 double bedrooms, master with en-suite, spacious lounge, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom with white suite, double glazing, electric heating, 1 allocated parking space. Viewing highly recommended. EPC: C



**HALESOWEN, Cross Street£495 pcm - Fees**  
Beautifully presented and very close to Halesowen Town Centre. This lovely ground floor maisonette features 1 double bedroom and 1 single bedroom, dining kitchen, brand new bathroom with shower, private rear garden and driveway parking for 2 cars. EPC: E



**CRADLEY HEATH, King Street£475 pcm - Fees**  
Located in the heart of Old Hill. Ideally situated for local shops, buses and train links. A 1st floor modern apartment which comprises of 2 bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge, double glazing, electric heating, bathroom with shower, allocated parking space. EPC: C



**HALESOWEN, Upper Ashley Street£475 pcm - Fees**  
Set in this quiet residential area close to Blackheath Town Centre is this lovely semi detached home featuring lounge, fitted kitchen with gas oven/hob, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower, electric heating, parking, unfurnished. EPC: TBC



**NETHERTON, Round Street£475 pcm - Fees**  
Set in a quiet road, is this lovely semi-detached home. Featuring gas central heating, 1 reception room, fitted kitchen, 1 double and 1 single bedroom, bathroom with shower, rear garden and driveway parking for 2 cars, unfurnished. Popular residential street close to Netherton High Street. 2 months deposit and a guarantor is required. (THE GUARANTOR MUST BE A HOME OWNER, FAMILY MEMBER AND WORKING). EPC: D



**WORDSLEY, John Street £450 pcm - Fees**  
Close to local buses for Kingswinford and Stourbridge and a short walk from Ambicote. This 2 double bedroom terraced house features 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, house bathroom with shower, on road parking and an enclosed rear garden. EPC: TBC



**DUDLEY, Gammage Street £450 pcm - Fees**  
Ideal for Russell's Hall Hospital, Dudley Town Centre and transport links. This end terrace 2 bedroom property has been refurbished with new carpets upstairs, new Worcester combi boiler and integrated oven. This home features an entrance hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom with shower, rear garden with patio area, on road parking. EPC: F



**HALESOWEN, Hagley Road£450 pcm - Fees**  
An immaculately presented ground floor 1 bedroom flat, within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre. Featuring an open plan living room/modern fitted kitchen with integrated fridge/freezer and washing machine, bathroom with shower over bath, allocated parking space, unfurnished. EPC: G



**ROWLEY REGIS, Dudley Road£450 pcm - Fees**  
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**ROWLEY REGIS, Oldbury Road£425 pcm - Fees**  
Recently refurbished, very generous sized unfurnished flat above shop. Gas central heating, part double glazing, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower, on road parking. Rent includes water rates. EPC: F



**CRADLEY HEATH, Archer Gardens£425 pcm - Fees**  
Set within a quiet complex, close to Cradley Heath town centre and the local train station, is this unfurnished ground floor maisonette, benefiting from gas central heating (Bathroom), electric heating in the lounge and bedrooms, large living room with separate dining area, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, communal gardens and allocated parking. EPC: G



**HALESOWEN, Pippin Avenue£425 pcm - Fees**  
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**CRADLEY HEATH, Halesowen Road£400 pcm - Fees**  
Part furnished ground floor flat available in this popular location, gas central heating, living room/fitted kitchen with archway through to a double bedroom, shower room, allocated parking. Gas (in winter months) and water rates included in the rental. EPC: G



**HALESOWEN, Howley Grange Road£395 pcm - Fees**  
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### CLOISTER DRIVE

- Executive Style Detached Property EPC Rating C
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- Traditional Bay Fronted Link Detached Property EPC Rating C
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- Benefiting From A Gas Fired Central Heating System and Double Glazing
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### FAIRFIELD ROAD

- Traditional Semi Detached Property EPC Rating F
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- Three Bedrooms Separate W/c
- Benefiting From Gas Central Heating System and Double Glazing
- Driveway To The Front Garden To The Rear

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## HALESOWEN

### LYDATE ROAD

- Extended Semi Detached Property EPC Rating C
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- Three Bedrooms Master Having En-suite plus Family Bathroom W/c
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### FARM ROAD

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### CHICHESTER DRIVE

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## BARTLEY GREEN

### CLOVER DRIVE

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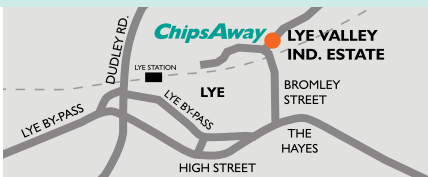


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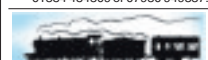
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# Legend Hamill gets big welcome

LEGENDARY speedway ace Billy Hamill was overwhelmed by the massive turnout for his return to the Black Country.

‘The Bullet’, who made more than 300 appearances for Cradley in the old Dudley Wood days, is in the country for the Monster Energy FIM Speedway World Cup.

The 44-year-old Californian appeared, with former Cradley team-mates and members of the USA side, at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill in front of more than 200 fans in an event supported by Motor Market of Cradley Heath.

And the 1996 world champion said: “I can’t believe that, here I am, 24 years after I first rode for Cradley Heath before they closed down, here I am in this venue with hundreds of supporters, it’s pretty special.

“There were so many people I hadn’t seen for years and it was pretty special to have my former manager Colin Pratt and my old team-mates here too. I can’t thank everyone enough.” The Brierley Hill event was hosted by Nigel Pearson, who led Hamill through his memories of the Heathens. Hamill joined fellow Californian Greg Hancock at the club in 1990.

Skornicki is out for months

POPULAR Polish star Adam Skornicki won’t race again this season.

Skornicki has been told he will need to use crutches until October after suffering a dislocated hip when racing for Birmingham in May.

Following the demise of the Brummies, he’s been keeping in contact with parent club Wolverhampton.

Promoter Chris Van Straaten said: “Adam went to see a specialist with the hope if being given the all-clear.

“But a dislocated hip can be complicated and he’s likely to be on crutches until October to keep as much weight off the hip as possible. I’m sure all Wolverhampton and Birmingham supporters wish him well.”

# Wood fail to make a mark against Tivs

**Walsall Wood 0 Tivdale 2**

WOOD failed to score for the first time in six games as last season’s Midland Alliance champions gained a well-deserved win putting two goals past the home side.

Walsall had the first goal threat in this pre-season friendly when on 10 minutes Danny McGhee got clear on the left, his cross was half cleared to Drew Aiton who was on the edge of the box.

His ball through the centre put Leon Taylor in on goal but under intense pressure his shot was easily saved by Tom Turner to keep the scoresheet clean for now.

**Football**

On 27 minutes Drew Aiton delivered a right wing free kick to the far post and diminutive Ryan Wood out-jumped Tivdale’s towering defenders to loop a header just too high.

A minute later McGhee broke onto a ball into the right of the box only to fire high and wide.

The visitors went ahead just past the half hour when Chris Field won the ball while playing wide on the right, he then crossed

the ball into the box for Mike Wardell to open the scoring and put Tivdale ahead.

Eight minutes later a free kick wide left was fired into the near post by Danny Ashton, Mario Kisiel making a great save at the foot of the post to keep the ball out of the net.

A minute into the second half Danny Holgate slalomed through the Wood defence on the left of the box and it was down to skipper Lee Stretton to step in and save Wood with a superbly timed last-ditch tackle which stop the run of the play for Tivdale.

Then on 55 minutes it looked promising

when Matt Jukes raced on to a ball over the Wood defence, but under pressure nothing came of it as he finished weakly.

Two minutes later a Wood defender totally misjudged the flight of the ball, Holgate racing into the right of the box to make no mistake as he fired the ball past the advancing Kisiel.

Then Ash Jackson raced away on the right, his low, near post, cross was powered towards goal by a Karl Edwards’ diving header which led to Kisiel making a brilliant full-length save.

Both teams gave a good 90 minutes.

# Tipton side put on a show of four-ce

**Dudley Town 1 Tipton Town 4**

**TIPTON** Town manager Nick Hawkins witnessed his side return to winning ways. Hawkins saw his side grab a 4-1 victory over West Midlands Premier league side Dudley Town at the Dell stadium.

Hawkins made five changes to the starting line up, following the midweek 1-0 away defeat against Black Country Rangers.

It took just eight minutes for Tipton to break the deadlock with Ben Hadley toe-poking from close range following a Kieran Whalin free kick.

The lead was then doubled on the first quarter, when Danny Carrey – Bertram claimed his first goal of the season, and he should have celebrated his second of the game shortly after when, with just James Scarett to beat saw his effect just go wide of the far post.

Executed

From the goal kick, Dudley immediately reacted and a neat four man move found Dudley’s Christian Ekwel-nor who executed a fine volley from close range only to be denied by the post with Cox soundly beaten.

Tipton made the game as good as safe on 33 minutes when James “Smudge” Smith headed home from close range

Dudley’s Lee Smith pulled a goal back for the home side four minutes later as Tipton went into the break with a two goal cushion.

Despite the early 1pm kick off, the warm weather made it hard work for both teams during the second

## Mongan to step up a level after medal win



**European Schoolboys Championships bronze medal winner, Jerry Mongan at Priory Park ABC, Dudley**

JERRY MONGAN will step up to junior level next season as the World No.3 after his exploits at the AIBA European Schoolboys Championship.

The 14-year-old, from Priory Park Boxing Club in Dudley, came back from Hungary with a bronze medal earlier this month, captaining the England team.

Only the world’s best at 54kg, Emin Khataev, could halt his challenge on a split decision in a nail-biting medal fight, as the Russian retained his title on a split decision.

Mongan, from Stourport, had rolled over Ireland’s Michael McDonagh by a unanimous points call to set up the meeting. Despite defeat, it capped off a great season.

The tall and rangy teenager won his first national title in April’s England Schoolboys, but will leave that scene behind in the coming months.

The England Junior and that European counterpart, along with next year’s World Championships will be on the agenda as well as England camps, with Mongan fighting at a heavier weight.

Priory Park trainer Warren Davis said: “He’s having a rest now, as he’s had to maintain his weight for the past four or five months. When he’s back in the gym, we will get him ready to box as an when needed.”

# It’s seven heaven as Edwards gets brace

**Bromsgrove Sporting 1 Tivdale FC 7**

TIVIDALE kicked off with a few changes from the team that started against Quorn on Saturday . They were a goal up after 18 minutes through a Max Bissell free kick from 25 yards that Bromsgrove keeper Jake Bedford could only watch go past him.

Tivs increased the lead on 31 minutes after Bedford could only parry a Karl Edwards shot straight into the path of Matt Jukes who tapped home. Two minutes later it was 3-0. This time a great finish from Michael Wardle and Tivdale went it at half time 4-0 up as Edwards nodded home a free kick.

In the second halfTo be fair the home side knew they were never going to get back into the game and so just tried to make a game of the second 45 minutes and for 30 minutes Bromsgrove competed well until Edwards notched his second and Tivdale’s 5th on 74 minutes.

This was quickly followed by the sixth on 76 minutes by Richard Huckfield sending a looping header in . Sam Williams added the seventh before Sporting got a consolation goal in injury time.

# Blues sign up Celtic’s Johnstone

BIRMINGHAM CITY have signed Celtic’s Scotland Under-19 striker Denny Johnstone on a three-year contract.

The 19-year-old has been on trial with Blues over the last few weeks and completed his move after a compensation fee was agreed.

“Negotiations with Celtic have been long but we got there in the end,” Blues boss Lee Clark said.

“The board have backed me because I feel the boy can offer future value to the squad.

“Celtic wanted to keep him, but the boy wanted to move on.”

Two unnamed Scottish Premier League clubs also wanted to bring him in as their No.1 striker.”



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## Worrall hammers home the victory

HEATHENS hero Steve Worrall sparked jubilant scenes amongst a bumper crowd as he claimed a sensational victory in the prestigious F.A.S.T. Golden Hammer at Monmore Green.

The in-form Cradley ace became only the second home winner of the showpiece event in the modern era as he romped to a stunning 14-point haul.

After a slow start in his opening ride, Worrall fought back superbly to overtake Kyle Newman and snatch second place just behind Ashley Birks.

That proved the only point he dropped as he reeled off four composed wins in his remaining outings including victory over former Heathens favourites Lewis Blackbird and Adam Roynon to seal glory in heat 18.

It was his sublime move to defeat Newman in just the second race of the night which eventually proved crucial, as just one point separated the pair at the top of the standings.

The 2012 champion Newman had been in imperious form all evening yet eventually had to settle for second place on the rostrum behind the classy Worrall. The top three was completed by another former Hammer winner in the form of 2010 Champion Simon Lambert.

## I am Chinu, man of bronze

THERE may be mystery over his surname but the only thing which matters right now to wrestler Chinu is his Commonwealth bronze medal.

The 27-year-old who lives in Oldbury says he is "buzzing" after defeating New Zealand's Marcus Carney to claim the prize in the 125kg category in Glasgow.

He has created a stir on social media after his surname was listed as XXX during the competition, the result – it was by TV pundits – of an administrative error by the British Passport Office when he moved to the UK from India.

The fighter himself, who is listed with the surname Singh on the website of Wolverhampton Wrestling Club, claims this story is not strictly true.

"I have no surname," he said. "I am simply called Chinu."

## Summers is ready to risk shot at title

TIPTON'S Ricky Summers will risk a title shot in September for a fight in front of the BoxNation cameras at Wolverhampton Civic Hall this Friday, writes Craig Birch.

The 6ft-plus light heavyweight, who lives in Wombourne, must box his second six-round bout before he can battle for a belt at Dudley's the Venue.

The 24-year-old will get that opportunity on the televised bill at the Civic, which is likely to be packed to the rafters with Brummie fight fans.

Birmingham's British and Commonwealth welterweight champion Frankie

### Boxing

Gavin attempts to wrest the European crown from Italy's Leonard Bundu in the main event.

Summers goes up against Manchester's Curtis Gargano, who stepped in after scheduled opponent Mitch Mitchell pulled out for a third time.

Anything less than the 'W' on fight night and the first mark will come on the Black Country fighter's unblemished pro record after five contests.

That could put his title chances in jeopardy and leaves no room for error, but Summers is confident that won't happen.

He said: "If I got in there and was losing to novices and journeymen, I would pack boxing up the next day, but I can't see any of them troubling me."

"I was looking forward to fighting Mitchell, it hasn't happened again and you will have to ask him the reasons for that."

"All I know about this kid is that he's short, stocky and comes to fight, so I will use my height and range until I can wear him down."

"He's only had three fights, whereas I have had five and a long amateur career, boxing for England and in many national competitions."

"I made my debut at the Civic, then I knocked Joe Walsh out in a round there last year so it's a happy venue for me. The only thing that will be new is all of the cameras!"

Summers reached the semi-finals of the senior ABA competition in 2011, joining the paid ranks the following year.

For more information and tickets, call Ricky on 07427 609 377.

## Jordanne misses new title

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whaley narrowly missed out on a second major doubles title in the space of three weeks as the Wimbledon champion finished runner-up in the women's doubles at the British Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships in Nottingham.

The 22-year-old British No.1, who is eyeing a full house of Grand Slam doubles titles this season partnering Japan's Yui Kamiji, renewed her London 2012 bronze medal-winning partnership with Lucy Shuker at the Super Series event in Nottingham as the duo build towards Rio 2016 and they stormed into the semi-finals without dropping a game.

A 7-6(2), 6-1 win over the fourth seeds, Dutchwoman Marjolien Buis and South Africa's Kgothatso Montjane, then earned second seeds Whaley and Shuker a place in the final against Aniek van Koot of the Netherlands and Kamiji.

"I don't think we did much wrong and there's not a lot else we could have done apart from win the title, they just played the big points very well," said Whaley.

## Wulfs win winds up the friendlies

AFC WULFRUNIANS completed their pre-season schedule with a 2-1 victory at home to United Counties League Premier Division side AFC Rushden & Diamonds.

Nathan Rose-Laing and Scott Stevenson gave Wulfs a 2-0 half-time lead before Matt Pinder pulled a goal back for Diamonds.

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# GOLD GLORY AT THE GAMES FOR THOMAS

**KRISTIAN Thomas was head over heels after somersaulting his way to a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games and even dedicated his gong to injured team-mate Sam Oldham.**

The 25-year-old was part of the five-strong England squad that won the team gymnastics title in Glasgow – the first time the nation had claimed the title in 14 years.

Delighted Kristian, who trains at Earls Gymnastics Club, Halesowen, said afterwards: "We have been training so, so hard for the last few months and so this is for the whole team."

The triumph was marred when one of his teammates, Sam Oldham left the arena in a wheelchair when he landed awkwardly following a vault, damaging his left ankle.

### Situation

Kristian, from Wednesfield, Wolverhampton, said immediately after the event: "We don't know what Sam's situation is, but we just wish him all the best. I'm pretty sure he'll be fine, just give him a couple of weeks."

The England team of Thomas, Louis Smith, Oldham, Max Whitlock and Nile Wilson scored 266.804 overall, beating Scotland into second.

Thomas impressed on the high bars – scoring 15.033 – but the team had to cope without Oldham.

But, in his absence, Thomas, who claimed bronze at London 2012

### Commonwealth Games

in the team competition alongside Oldham, helped England to victory in a competition they dominated.

And the gymnast admitted he was pleased to put his struggles of Monday, where he slipped in his floor routine, firmly behind him.

"There's always a lot of pressure going last up on the high bar – it's a high-pressure apparatus and I was so glad just to get through the routine cleanly," he said.

"The last few months we've been training so, so hard and that was for the whole team and Sam as well. "We wish him all the best – I'm sure he'll be fine."

The victory is England's first team Commonwealth gold since 2002 and Thomas' team-mate Max Whitlock was extremely impressive in qualifying for the all-around final in first.

And double Olympic bronze medallist Whitlock admitted he and Thomas had enjoyed getting one over their Scottish counterparts.

"It feels amazing," said Whitlock. "We've been preparing for this for a long time."



Louis Smith, Max Whitlock, Nile Wilson and Kristian Thomas celebrate winning the team gold

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